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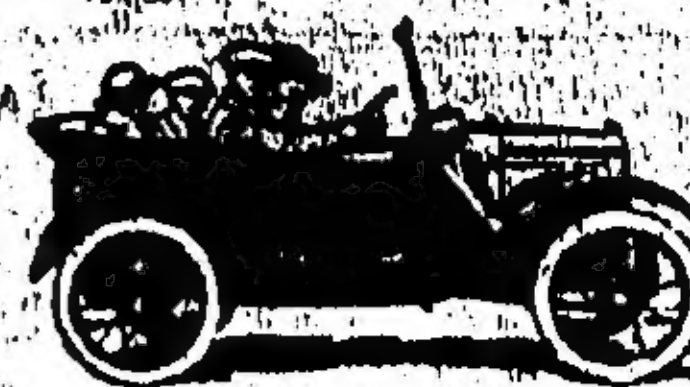
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WHERE'S THAT? HONGKONG'S CHINESE NAMES. CURIOUS LEGENDS.

Tell your friends that you are going to "Catfish Creek" and they will stare at you in amazement. Yet "Catfish Creek" is one of the busiest places in the Colony.

Most Europeans who use the street-trams would look surprised if told that among the stops on the route are such places as "Catfish Creek" and "Brass Gong Bay."

Translated literally, these are the equivalents of Quarry Bay and Causeway Bay, respectively, in the Chinese characters as depicted on the tram indicators.

For the benefit of those unable to read Chinese the following are given.
Kennedy Town.—The Chinese for this is merely a mispronunciation of the name "Kennedy," which sounds Geon (gutturals) G. Nay Day and Seng for town. Seng really denotes a town or city, walled-in.

Whitty Street.—This is treated in the same way, i.e., Wutt Day and Guy for street.
Western Market.—Four characters are pronounced somewhat like "Seung Wan Guy See," meaning upper District (or Ward) Street Market. The Chinese call the centre of the town Chung Wan (middle ward) and Wanchai, Ha Wan (lower ward).
Post Office.—This is pronounced "Su Shun Kwoon," meaning correspondence (or mail) repository.
Causeway Bay.—"Toong Lor Wan" are the characters recognised by the Tramway Co. Toong is brass, Lor is Gong and Wan means bay. Authorities who have made a study of these colloquialisms can only attribute this name to the shape of the adjoining hills, resembling a brass gong. The character for brass is believed to have been introduced to clarify the allusion as the character "Lor" pronounced by itself may mean several other things.

Causeway Bay has another Chinese name by which it is equally well-known. This is "Dung Loong Jow," which means Lantern Island. A Chinese gentleman whose family has lived in Hongkong for three generations says that as far as he knows, this name arose from the fact that there were, at one time, two islands. Kellet Island is one. They were in the direct view of the "Tin Hau" (Heavenly Empress) Temple at Causeway Bay, to which an annual pilgrimage is made on the 19th day of the third moon. Worshippers also visit the temple in large numbers on China New Year's Eve. A temple invariably has two large lanterns adorning its main entrance and our informant tells us that the founders of the temple purposely chose the particular site on account of its position in relation to these two islands which would form natural lanterns. Those who have studied the interesting topic of "Fung Shui" will be able to enlarge on the subject.

Race Course.—In the early days of the tram service, the only attraction here was the race meeting. It is therefore not strange that the Chinese should call it the galloping horse ground which is pronounced "Pai Ma Day." The first character was then better-known than the one representing the word race.

Happy Valley.—This is practically the same destination and must have been used when trips to open-air places of amusement became popular, as the Chinese for this is merely the Chinese name for "Happy Retreat," a place which has since been converted into a nursing-home.

North Point.—To denote the bathing resort, the Tram Co. used the characters "Ming Yuen" which is the name of the Chinese entertainment and refreshment gardens there, converted from what was once the Belle View Hotel, adjoining which was the local Clay Pigeon and Shooting Club. The Chinese who do not go for the purpose of visiting the gardens, usually say "Tat Toze Mui." Several legends are attached to this which means "The Seven Sisters." There is the story of the "Seven Heavenly Virgins" who come into view on

the 7th day of the 7th moon for their annual re-union with the "Cowherd Boy" on the Milky Way. Others claim that this name originated from the theory that seven sisters walked into the water there for some reason or other and were not seen again. Another conjecture is that at one time there were seven prominent rocks here projecting out of the sea.
Quarry Bay.—This is known as "Tauk Yu Chung," which stands for Catfish Creek.

STOP PRESS

STEAMER MISSING.
BIG INFLAMMABLE CARGO.

The steamer "Haiphong" which left Quinhon on December 8 for Tourane has been overdue for some time.

She had on board several hundred tons of inflammable cargo. It is known that she had heavy weather prior to reaching Quinhon.

Shipmasters have been asked to keep a very careful lookout for her.
VESSELS COLLIDE.
The Italian steamer "Tejo" collided with the "Leung Kwong" last night at Whang-moon.

The "Tejo" suffered considerable damage to her forepart. There were no casualties.

WHERE XMAS DAY LACKS ANY CHARM.



Photo by
European inmates of Hongkong's jail, Victoria Prison, will spend a dreary Christmas, owing to the regulations, which omit to provide special fare for the festive season.

Readers will have to discover for themselves whether there is any truth in the statement that the place abounded in this species of fish till the march of science, as represented by the sugar refinery and docks, drove them away. The name may have been given on account of the appearance of the stream that once poured its waters direct into the bay.
Shauki-wan.—The eastern terminus of the track is pronounced in Chinese as it reads in English. Shau Ki is a curved tray made of bamboo splits used by Chinese for carrying away food supplies from a market; and it is common belief that the fishermen who first went there for water and shelter—and still do so now—gave it the name as its shape resembles that of the article mentioned.

COMMUNISTS AGAIN.
FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS AT REVAL.
THREE REDS ARRESTED.
(*Reuter's Service.*)
Helsingfors, December 20.
A message from Reval states that damage estimated at 5,000,000 Estonian marks has been caused by a fire at a building, belonging to the State Railways, in the course of which there were several explosions.

The authorities are of the opinion that the Communists had stored ammunition there. Three Communists were arrested on the spot.

ACTION POSTPONED.
SENATOR KING'S RESOLUTION SHELVED.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)
Washington, December 20.
The Senate Naval committee has indefinitely postponed action on Senator William Henry King's resolution for an enquiry into the state of the American Navy.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

"Eastern" Leaves Old Run.
After years of service on the run between Hongkong, Manila, Sandakan and Australia, during which she became one of the best-known vessels regularly calling here, the Eastern and Australian steamer "Eastern" is, according to latest advice, to be taken off her run and to be replaced by the British India steamer "Tanda," which has been acquired by the E. & A. Line.

At present the "Eastern" is on her way to Australia from Hongkong. On reaching Melbourne she will be replaced by the "Tanda," which is a much larger vessel and is considered to be even more suited to the trade.

The "Tanda" is of 6,356 tons gross; her deadweight capacity 8,620 tons and her cargo capacity 8,750 tons. She was built in 1914. Her dimensions are 480.5 feet x 68.2 feet x 23.6 feet.

She has accommodation for forty-six 1st saloon passengers in single and two-berry cabins which are fitted with the latest wardrobes and other improvements. Accommodation for second saloon passengers is provided in ships. In well situated cabins. Both up-to-date and commodious, the first class cabins all have direct access to light and air.
Special refrigerating machinery is being installed for the handling of fruit, meat and other perishable cargo.
The "Tanda" is due here for the first time under the management of the E. & A. Line on February 6.
No decision has been made as to what is to be done with the "Eastern" Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., agents for the E. & A. Line in Hongkong, are awaiting advice in connection with the removal of the "Tanda" from the B.I. service, which will affect the position of the company as well as the passengers. It has been reported that the "Tanda" will be replaced by the "Tanda" which is a much larger vessel and is considered to be even more suited to the trade.

MOROCCO.

INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF SITUATION.
QUESTION IN COMMONS.
(*Reuter's Service.*)
London, December 20.
In the House of Commons today, replying to Lieut.-Commander Keworth who drew attention to the importance of the international aspect of the Spanish withdrawal in Morocco, Mr. Austen Chamberlain was unable to foreshadow Government's attitude toward a series of contingencies which had not yet arisen. He added they would do everything to prevent a domestic trouble becoming an international question.

BANK ROBBERS.

CARRY OFF TWO SAFES IN TEXAS.
TOWN SET ON FIRE.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.
Bank robbers set fire to the town of Valley View this morning, after wrecking two banks and carrying off two safes, each weighing 4,000lbs. They set fire to the town and wiped out the business section. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

SUCCEEDS GOMPER.

WILLIAM GREEN GIVEN POST.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)
New York, December 20.
Mr. William Green, of Ohio, Secretary and Treasurer of the United Mine Workers, has been elected President of the American Federation of Labour. He takes the place of the late Mr. Samuel Gompers.

XMAS IN JAIL.

HOW PRISONERS FARE.
SAME OLD DIET.
Bread And Soup And Suet.

While the average Hongkong resident is enjoying his Christmas cheer, how does the prisoner in jail celebrate the festive season?

Anyone sitting down to a feast of prime Dairy Farm fed turkey, plum-pudding and mince-pies might do worse than think for a moment what his feelings would be if instead of this good fare there was spread before him carefully apportioned rations of bread, soup and suet pudding.
To a "China Mail" reporter at any rate, the prospect of prison life, quite apart from the question of fare, appeared far from attractive as he stepped through the iron gates of the prison and heard them clang behind him. It was with a distinct feeling of relief that he caught sight of the figure of the Superintendent, Mr. W. W. Franks, at work in an office which abutted upon the desolate court yard.

"Xmas fare in the prison?" There were no regulations laid down for any alteration in diet during seasons of festivity, said Mr. Franks, and accordingly, no alteration was made.

"Is that peculiar to Hongkong?" "I don't know if special privileges are granted in American prisons on such occasions but speaking from my own experience of English prisons they were certainly not granted there."

"Do prisoners ever ask for privileges on special occasions?" "I have had representations made to me at Xmas-time on behalf of European prisoners. The season has little significance for the Chinese."

"Xmas-day is just like any other day then at the prison?" "For the convenience of the warders it is treated as a Sunday and no work is done. Services are held for the Europeans and Chinese by the chaplain or his deputy."

"Is a subject taken in accordance with the significance of the day?" "That is left entirely to the discretion of the speaker."

"As regards food, Mr. Franks, is there any discrimination between Xmas day and any other day?" "None whatever. If Xmas is on a Monday they get a Monday's diet, if on Tuesday a Tuesday's diet and so on."

"Would you indulge my curiosity a little further by indicating what the Thursday diet is as it falls on that day this year?" "It is difficult to keep it all in one's head but if you would pass that book on the shelf to your left."

The reporter obliged and "Hongkong Regulations" was accordingly opened and the following read out by the Superintendent: "For breakfast bread and suet, for dinner bread, soup and suet pudding and for supper bread and suet."

"That is the food for the Europeans?" "Yes, The Chinese have food more in accordance with the national taste."

"The treatment of the prisoners is the same, of course, in regard to the observance of Chinese New Year?" "Certainly. Such are the deprivations which form part of a prisoner's punishment."

With an inward prayer that his feet might be led in paths which would take him clear of an abode which even the charm of those responsible for its direction could not render hospitable, the reporter took his leave, glad to be on the right side of those forbidding iron gates once more.

COLOGNE.
CURZON'S SPEECH AROUSES GERMANS.
BERLIN DENIES OBSTRUCTION.
(*Reuter's Service.*)
Berlin, December 20.
The statement of Marquess Curzon, in the House of Lords, with regard to the evacuation of Cologne has caused consternation in Government circles here.
Official Statement.
An official of the Foreign Office declared that the prolongation of the occupation without consulting the German Government, will be regarded as a flagrant breach of the Treaty of Versailles.
It will seriously affect the internal political situation and greatly increase the ranks of the Germans who claim that the policy of fulfilment of reconciliation towards the Allies has not paid.
Hot Denial.
Official circles hotly deny the allegation of German obstruction to the allied military mission. They point out that the mission recently carried out over 1,700 inspections without interference.

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When trips round the island or in the New Territories would engage the attention of motor car and cycle owners during the holiday season, it behooves them to be forewarned in the matter of what oils to use. To be held up half way on a pleasure trip or golfing tour to Panning would indeed be a calamity and mar the enjoyment which is everyone's due at this season.

The use of inferior grades of gasoline, and lubricating oil has often proved to be the cause of breakdowns and engine troubles. A motor spirit which fails to give proper ignition or which has a tendency to clog carburetors is next to useless. In the same way, a lubricant which does not stay on the bearings damages both the car and the owner's pockets. Some motorists, when replenishing supplies, have a natural tendency to only look at the "price per gallon" question regardless of the commonplace axiom that the best is the cheapest in the long run. To be assured of "motoring satisfaction" therefore, it is essential that the gasoline and lubricating oil should not only be of the purest quality but that they should have a reputation behind them for actual results.

"Shell" spirit and "Shell" oil, due to their extreme purity and the science behind their production, have gained an enviable reputation both on sea and land. Shell spirit enabled the American aviators successfully to encircle the globe. In the British flight led by Squadron Leader MacLaren, Shell spirit and Shell oil were used exclusively. Major Zanni covered a distance of 5,500 miles in 11 days exclusively on "Shell" products. In the direct non-stop flight of 1,880 miles across the Atlantic, the moving force was "Shell." The supremacy and reliability of Shell spirit have even been maintained under rigorous Arctic conditions—an achievement on which the Asiatic Petroleum Company and their world-wide organization can justly be proud.

HOTEL CELEBRATIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FESTIVE SEASON.

Carnival Night.

The most pleasant Xmas recollections for many are those connected with dances held in the festive season. Private dances are all very well and if the company has been selected in accordance with inclination's prompting and not the call of duty alone there is no reason why they should not be among the most enjoyable of the season's festivities.

Too often, however, the call of duty is diametrically opposed to that of inclination and if the latter carries off the day the result may be a far from homogeneous gathering which will leave far from pleasant memories in the minds of those who make it up.

The way to ensure an evening's dancing and fellowship with congenial companions is to make up a party for the Ball or dance as the case may be. But Balls are few and far between and the floor rather crowded on such occasions; private floors, too, are seldom good or large enough. The floors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, however, are noted and there is generally quite enough room at the daily and nightly tea and dinner dances which are held there.

For the Xmas season a special programme of dances has been arranged and on Boxing night there will be the ever popular Carnival. Fancy or evening dress will be optional and there will be a late car to the Peak at 1.30 a.m. The New Year's Eve Celebration at Repulse Bay Hotel takes the form of a dinner dance at which again fancy or evening dress will be optional. A special extension has been obtained until 1.00 a.m. and there will be a car to the Peak at 2 a.m. also late buses to Hongkong and the Peak Hotel.

USEFUL GIFTS.

Messrs. Hall, Law & Co.'s Resources.

The desire to own a camera, not merely for the joy of possessing one, but to use it, at just the moment when some object is about to pass away from the vision perhaps to appear no more, is often expressed in the phrase "I wish I had a camera." This desire comes with increasing force during the Christmas season when there are so many happy gatherings and a record of them in an album will prove a treasure in years to come.

In choosing a camera, there are several points to be considered. No good pictures can be produced with an inferior lens, and this is therefore the most important point. See that the lens is good, the shutter is fool-proof, and that they are housed in a compact and durable body.

In the same way, who has not often longed to possess a reliable pair of binoculars? On the ferry, the Canton and Macao boats—or any boats for that matter—at the races, the theatre, or anywhere else where the ordinary eyesight is not equal to the occasion, what marvelous visions of the distance are brought right before one's eyes by this scientific aid.

To get satisfaction in both these desires, one has but to visit Messrs. Hall, Law & Co., of Des Voeux Road Central, who carry a large range of cameras, binoculars and lenses, at prices which are exceptionally cheap considering the superior quality of their goods. But one may perhaps ask "Have they got a good lens?" The answer is simple—they are agents for the world famous Goetz lenses. The popularity of Goetz lenses was not acquired in a day. The manufacturers have given life long study and embodied all their scientific genius in these lenses.

Although Messrs. Hall, Law & Co. specialise in everything photo-

GIFTS THAT LAST.

Messrs. Graca & Co.'s Collection.

The little shop of Messrs. Graca & Co. half way up Wyndham Street is again packed with good things for the Christmas season. Gifts of stamps should make a special appeal to stamp collectors, being lasting gifts that will increase in value as time goes on. Messrs. Graca & Co. have collections nicely arranged in albums from \$1 to \$500. Following on the success of last year, they have imported from Europe and America over 5,000 toys comprising mechanical engines, aeroplanes, pistols, and dolls from picaninies to grown-ups. The prices range from 10 cents up. In addition they have a large assortment of Xmas cards, post cards, albums, story books and other things at modest prices.

Messrs. Graca & Co. have opened a branch at Nathan Road for the convenience of those across the harbour.

graphic and carry a range of the finest goods and apparatus, they also offer an assortment of beautiful Xmas and New Year cards, watches, clocks, and a large variety of articles suitable for presentation. Gift hunters would do well to pay a visit and inspect these goods.

As an expression of goodwill at Yuletide, they are giving discounts of 15 to 20 per cent. on cameras, binoculars and lenses, while for other goods the discount goes as far up as 40 per cent. over their ordinary selling prices. To purchase of \$10 worth of goods, they give a free gift of a "Home Derby." This is constructed like a stop watch on the dial of which there are ten horses set in motion by pressing a lever. This race game, should prove an amusing attraction during Christmas.

XMAS NOVELTIES.

What Watson's Have To Offer.

A mistake many make is to imagine that in a chemist's shop nothing is sold but things to cure the divers ills which fall to the lot of frail humanity. Any such would be well advised to pay a visit to the establishment of A. S. Watson & Company, Ltd. and to note the articles which are attractively arranged under glass cases there.

The present-buyer with a long list to get through will find there a solution to many worries for on display are articles (all of the very best quality) which are just the thing for a present—useful and attractive in appearance with, in the majority of cases, the added charm of novelty.

To take a few, there are the manicure sets of varying designs, sizes and prices, chic little perfume boxes and sprays, the perfumes themselves, and other such aids to feminine beauty and attractiveness. Then there are brushes with backs daintily worked and more masculine ones the very look of the bristles of which are enough to set ones hair a tingling, also the very popular military brushes in cases.

If any more evidence is needed to get out of the buyer's mind the idea that at a chemist establishment only drugs and medicines

are sold the customer need only glance round a little. Chocolates, for instance, would hardly form part of a Dr.'s prescription but here they are to be found in fat boxes, the snowy whiteness of which relieved only by the tightly drawn, coloured ribbons in the corner, give indication of the good things within.

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A very useful Xmas present is a typewriter and in this present time of general renewal and good resolutions close at hand the special department of Mustard & Co. dealing exclusively with the Remington line does a large business.

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Remingtons are acknowledged to hold one of the premier positions in the world's typewriting markets and Mustards, who have been in China for over 50 years, have a well organised representation through the main business centres of China and their school of typewriting is known throughout the world.

Business houses will be well advised to enquire at the local offices for further particulars of the duplicating, adding, calculating and addressing machines, the latest types of which are held in stock by Mustard & Co.

XMAS BARGAINS.

At Messrs. Yee Sang Fat Co.

Christmas shopping will not be complete without a visit to the big store of Messrs. Yee Sang Fat at Queen's Road Central. They offer quite a large range in woollen goods, ladies and gents' hats, boots and shoes, hosiery, neckwear, scarfs, and other goods too numerous to mention. A special offer is made of blankets in pleasing designs and at moderate prices. Suitable gifts could be chosen from manicure sets, vanity boxes, writing cases, razor sets, handkerchiefs and collar boxes.

TONGUE LOOSENERS.

Where The Screw-capped Tins Come From.

Two would be to give expression to a platitude to write that Xmas would loose a good half of its significances as a time of conviviality if tobacco supplies were cut off at the festive season at the whim of some malign power.

Many who do not smoke in the ordinary way do not attempt to resist the soothing charm of the seductive weed at this time of good cheer and the result is very apparent in the loosened tongues and the general removal of the restraint which is all too apparent at parties where either through consideration of the susceptibilities of the ladies or the desire of the host the smoky haze is conspicuous by its absence.

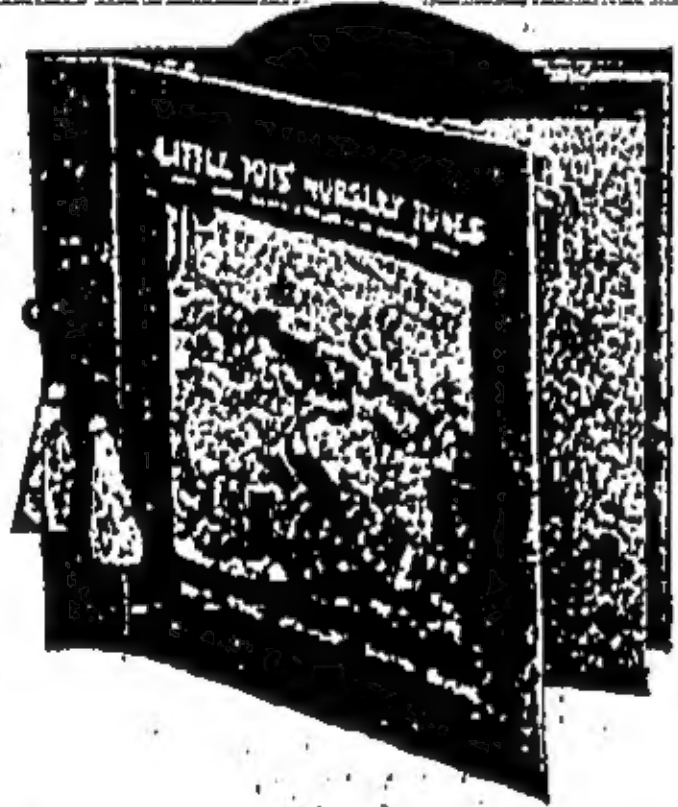
The fame of Wills' "Capetans" and "Castles" is world-wide and great demands are being made this Xmas time on the stocks of the Hongkong branch of the British American Tobacco Company which supplies the leading tobacconists' stores in the Colony with this and other blends. The screw capped tin of 50 is too well known to need description here and the quality of its contents are appreciated by all smokers who know a good thing when they get one.

For lovers of perfumery and toilet articles there are unlimited possibilities at this store. Those about to leave the Colony would do well to inspect their stock of trunks and suit cases.

In the toy department there are a number of novelties which should make a special appeal to children. The range of Christmas cards, bon-bons and candies is well worth inspection before purchasing elsewhere.

Altogether this store is packed with bargains which of no account should be missed. Maximum value is assured with a discount of 25 per cent. allowed from now until Christmas. The window displays convey but a poor idea of the bargains that lurk behind the counters, and no time should be lost to "Enquire Within."

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Oats, Peas and Beans
London Bridge is Falling Down
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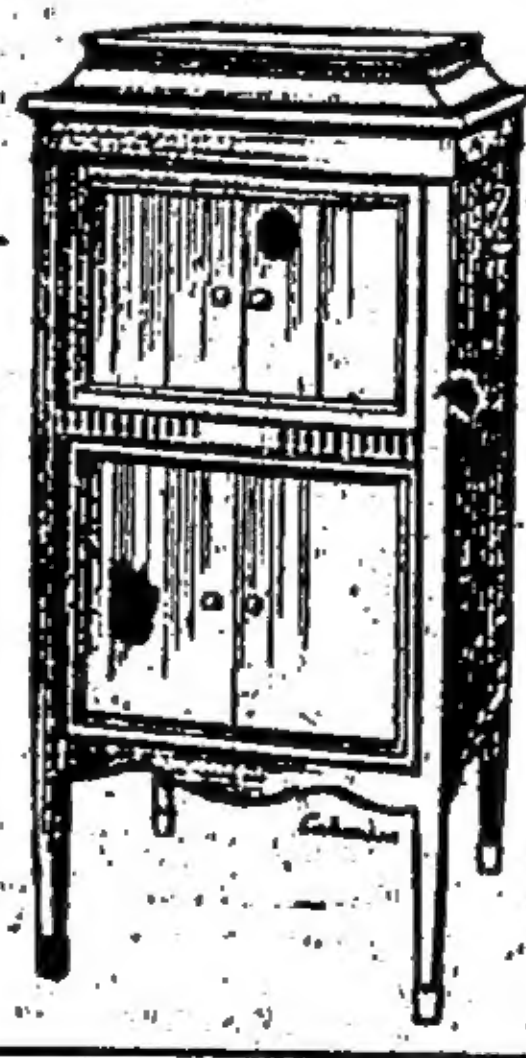
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Xmas Morning
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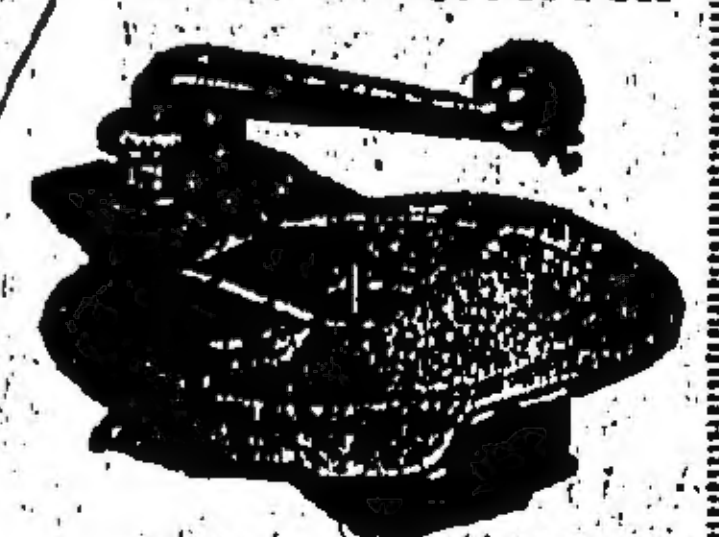


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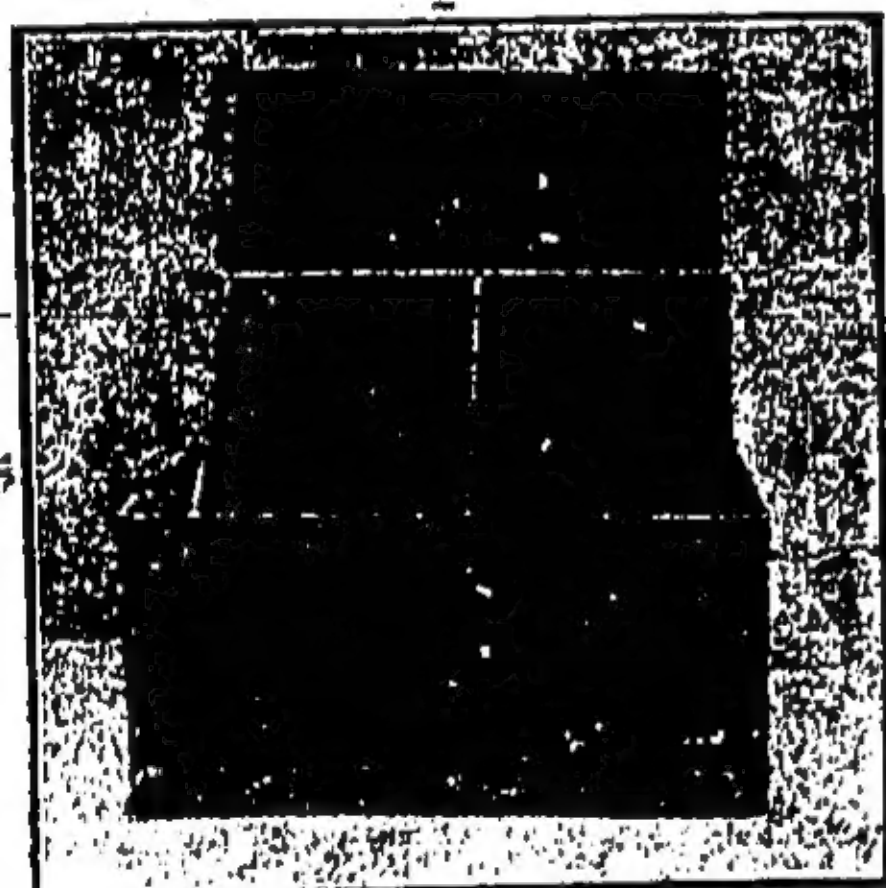
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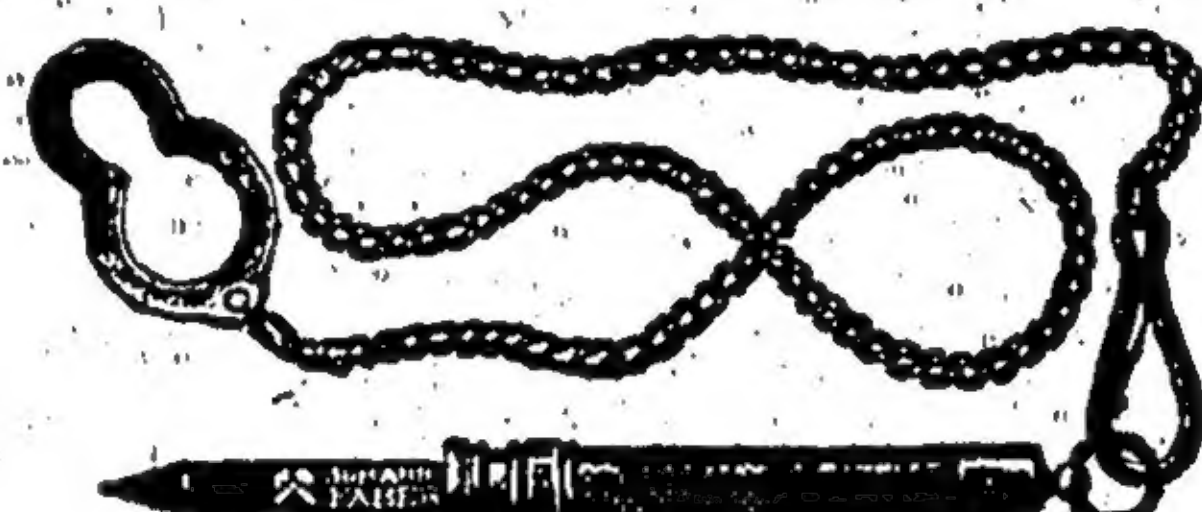
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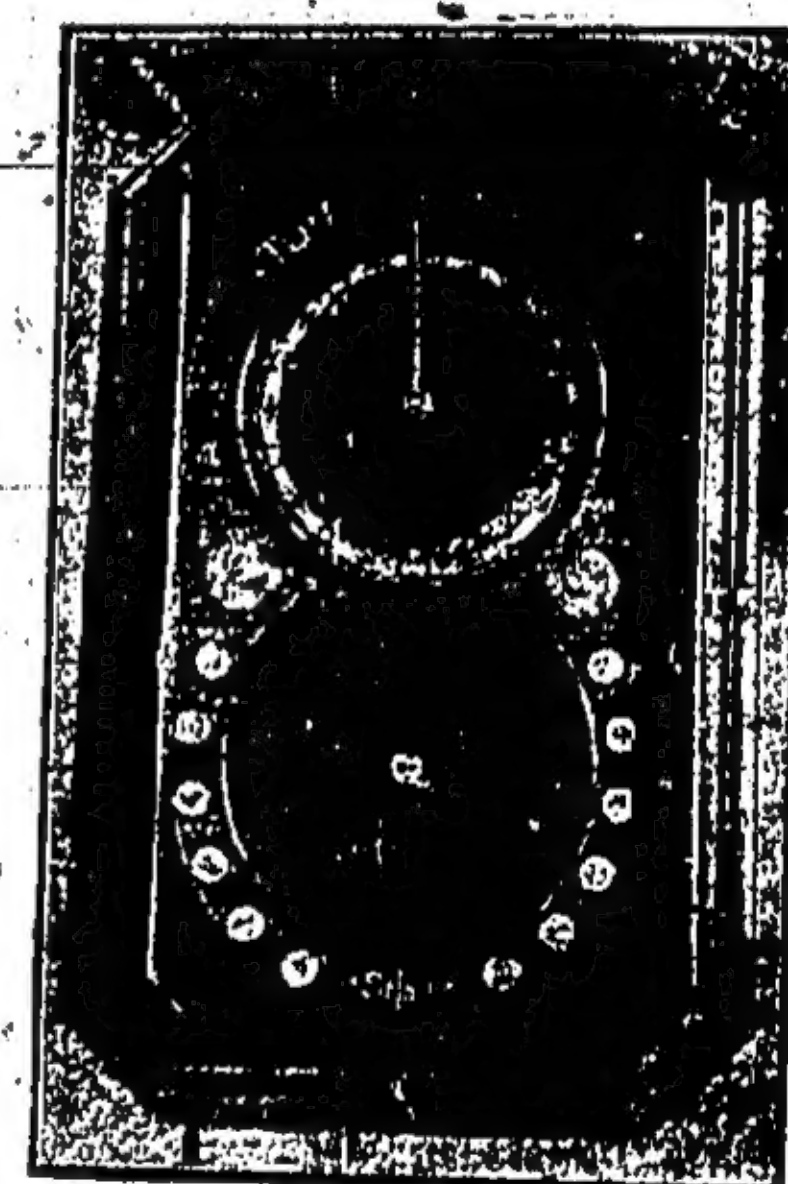
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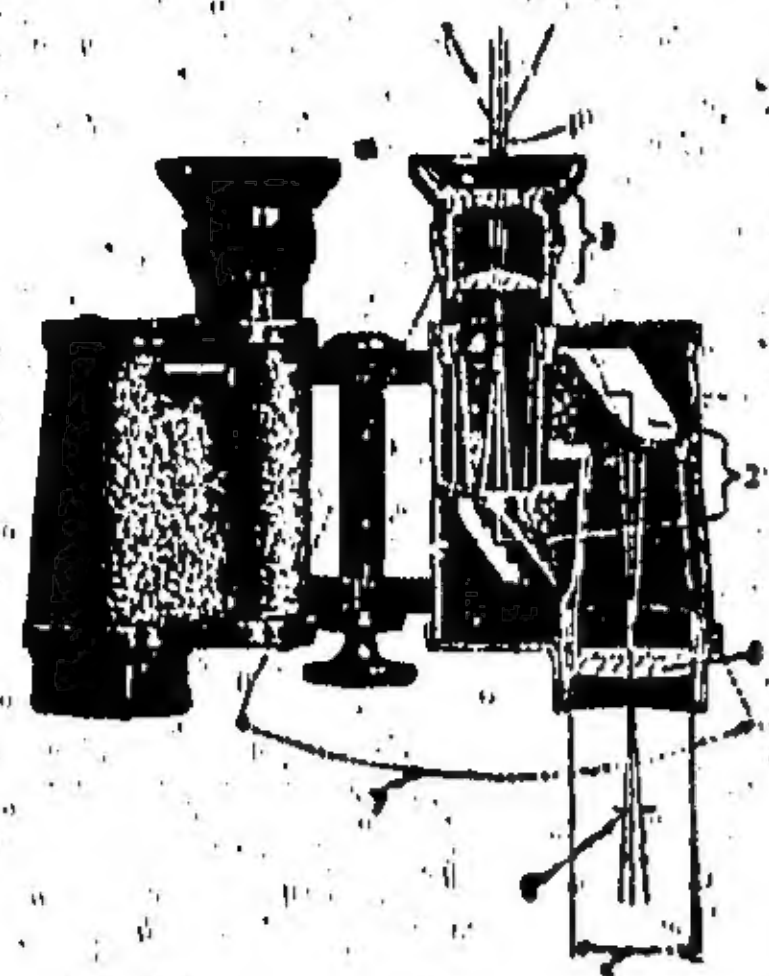
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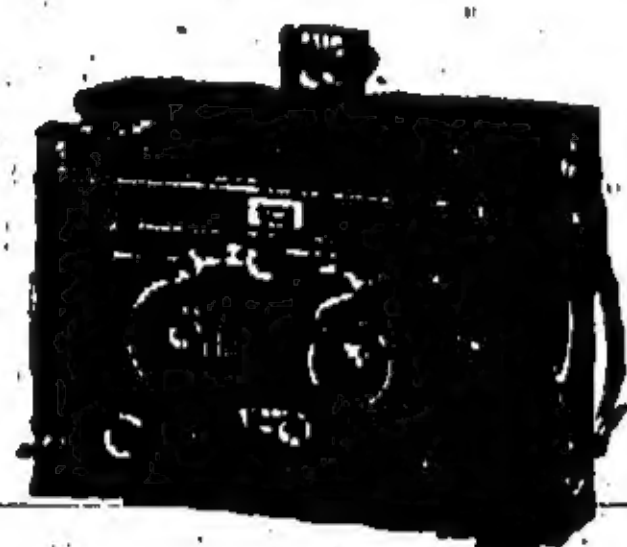
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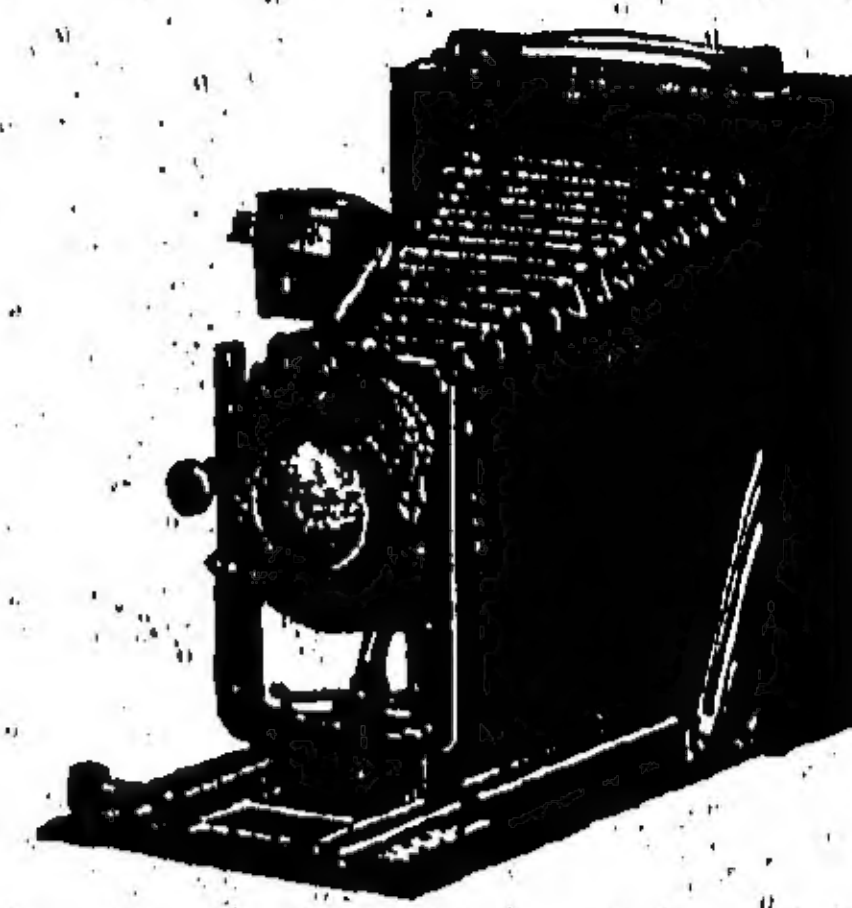
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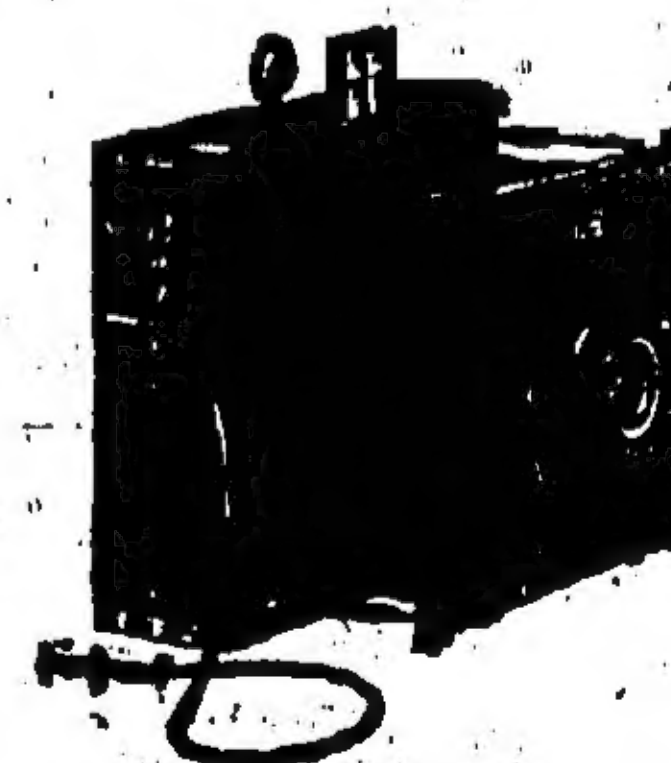
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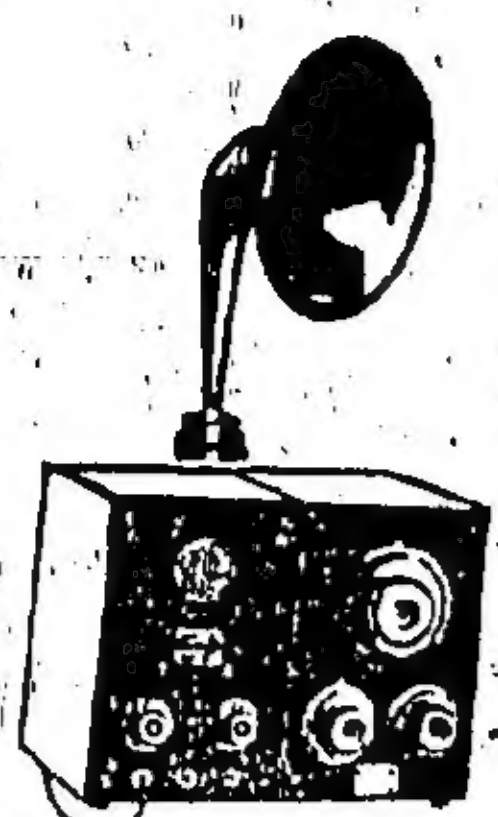
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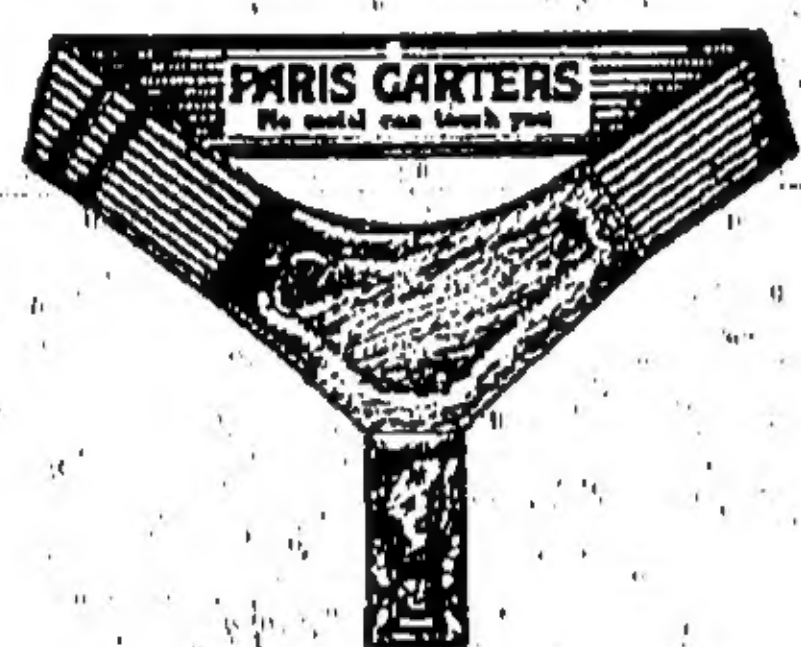
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The Beauty Expert of the Follies Says That Women With Bobbed Hair Cannot Dress Their Features—Its Attractive Arrangement Difficult and in Many Cases Impossible.

(By KENE BACHE.)

Ned Wayburn, who stages the Ziegfeld Follies, says: "I am not going to use any more girls with bobbed hair. Future musical comedies will not consider the girl with bobbed hair, because she has no chance to dress her features."

That remark gives food for thought. A woman dresses her body with clothing, but for dressing her face she depends mainly upon her hair.

There is no such thing as feminine beauty without hair. The most beautiful woman loses her looks entirely if her hair be shaved—as may happen in case of illness. She has nothing left with which to dress her features. In a degree, the girl with bobbed hair is in the same fix.

The importance of her hair to a woman's looks cannot be overestimated. Since prehistoric times women have bestowed most anxious care upon the arrangement of their tresses, with a view to becomingness—in other words, for the suitable dressing of their features. The arrangement that best sets off the features of one woman is not necessarily becoming to another. Hence, in the past, each woman, while accepting the prevailing style of coiffure, has modified it to suit her own face.

Character in the Coiffure. Hair, by its arrangement, may even suggest mental and moral characteristics.

If parted in the middle and brushed close to the head, it will make a woman look prim and sedate. Fluffed out, it suggests gaiety of temperament. A daintily adjusted curl is expressive of coquetry. Held by a fillet across the brow, within Greek knot behind, it will convey an impression of the artistic.

A well-known and clever actress gives on the stage a rapid-fire series of imitations of celebrities. Making no changes of costume whatever, she relies wholly (apart from facial expression) upon off-hand alterations in the arrangement of her hair for representing different characters.

While the hair may so dress the features as to set them off to best advantage, it can, on the other hand, be used to render undesirable points unnoticeable.

Thus, if the face be too short and broad, it can be lengthened and narrowed in appearance by wearing the hair flat at the sides and high on top. If it be too long and narrow, it can be made to look shorter and broader by flapping the hair on top of the head and fluffing it out at the sides.

But how is it possible to effect such alterations with bobbed hair? As Ned Wayburn, a professional expert in feminine beauty, says, it cannot be.

Every woman realizes the becomingness of curly or wavy hair, but few, and possess it as a gift of nature. Hence the curling tongs, the "undulation Marcel," and the permanent wave. It is hardly possible for a bob to be becoming unless fluffy and wavy, and so at the present time the pursuit of most of our young women are kept constantly in a state of depletion by the expense of keeping their abbreviated locks in pretty shape.

Curly and Flowing Locks.

Wavy or curly hair, while pretty in itself, softens outlines, and so helps to dress the features becomingly. No arrangement of the hair so adorns a youthful face as curls. Many a very young girl, a beauty in curls, loses all her prettiness when her hair is put up.

It must have been very early in the development of civilization that the beauty of curling and wavy hair began to be appreciated. It naturally followed that women with straight hair tried to imitate what the men so generally admired, and thus came into being the fashion of manipulating the tresses with a heated rod of metal or whatever may have been the early equivalent of the modern implement of the hairdresser.

How, on the stage or in the movies, shall the features of an ingenue or innocent heroine be properly dressed with a bob? It is not possible. Conventional demands that innocence and purity shall be represented either with long curls or else with hair flowing over the shoulders. The bob looks too sophisticated. Besides, hair flowing over the shoulders suggests early youth. It does, as a matter of fact, make a woman look much younger than her years.

Red Hair and Hidden Ears.

Fifty years ago red hair was considered a real affliction. The day arrived, however, when it became fashionable, and during a considerable period the heroines of novels were invariably more or less red-headed. Truth to tell, the fundamental colour of all human hair is red. Ask an artist whether he uses black paint to represent black hair, and we will laugh at

the idea. There is no such thing as black hair; it is red so extremely dark as to look black.

The bob has had no tendency to do away with the fashion of covering the ears with the hair. In which connection it is worth while to recall the fact that this style was originated by Cleo de Merode, a famous stage beauty, who visited the United States nearly twenty years ago. She wore her dark hair sleeked close to her head at the sides, hiding her ears.

It was said, perhaps untruthfully, that her ears were ugly, and that she adopted this mode of arranging her hair in order to conceal them. Her photographs were widely sold and displayed, and the style, which was highly becoming to Cleo, was quickly imitated by many women. The fact that most ears are not at all pretty may have had much to do with the perpetuation of the fashion.

That, by the way, was a very notable instance of what Ned Wayburn would call dressing the features; for the beauty of Merode was largely a matter of the arrangement of her own locks.

Avoid Elderly Effects. Every woman, for becomingness, makes the arrangement of her hair an

important study. If she be clever, she will not give it a severe simplicity, because that would make her look older. On the other hand, if she be fairly young, she will not make the mistake of doing it up—supposing it to be unbobbed—in an elaborate structure of coils and puffs; for that again will add to her apparent years. Such complexities of the coiffure are suitable only to women in later life.

With the progress of years, from childhood on, there is a gradual darkening of the hair, due to an increasing supply of pigment, and there is no known means by which the process can be arrested. Inasmuch as the colouring matter is the same as that which gives its tint to the complexion, we may consider ourselves fortunate that the skin does not manifest the same tendency, else we might start in life as white folks and end ourselves mulattoes by the time we reached forty or fifty years of age.

Many persons whose air in adult life is fairly dark had golden curls in childhood. Perhaps that has something to do with the conventional association of

blondness with innocence and purity. It is noticeable that female angels, as represented in art, are nearly always blondes. But can one imagine an angel with bobbed hair? It couldn't be done. Her celestial features would not be suitably dressed.

If bobbed hair shall suddenly go out of fashion, what then? Wigs, of course, for a while. The available supply of human hair from Europe would be reduced to a distressing minimum by augmented demand over there, but there is always plenty to be had from China. During the last year we imported more than half a million pounds of it from that country in the shape of hair-nets.

Why Women Are Rarely Bald.

It is a great piece of luck that women are so rarely bald. The notion that the prevalent baldness of men is due to wearing tight hats has no basis whatever in fact. A thorough investigation of that subject by heredity experts at the Carnegie Institution has made it manifest that a man may inherit baldness from either parent, whereas a woman is never thus afflicted unless

both her father and mother were bald. Why that should be so, nobody can even guess.

Light hair, considered as a fibre, is very different from dark hair. It is much finer, and there is more of it to the square inch of scalp. In Germany, before the war, scientists who made a study of the subject decided that the average brunette had forty-six miles of hair, while the average blonde had ninety miles.

Suppose the bobbing fashion to go out rather suddenly. The question immediately suggests itself, how long will it take for the bobbed heads to grow new crops? It takes only a few minutes to bob a head of hair, but to unbob it is a long and tedious process.

How Fast Does Hair Grow?

An answer is not hard to give. Hair, on the average woman's head, which of short length, grows at a rate of one-fifth of an inch a day. That means seven inches in a year. At the end of a twelve-month a damsel repentant of her bob should be able to put up her hair in some sort of fashion. Within two years she would have enough of it to arrange in almost any way that style might dictate.

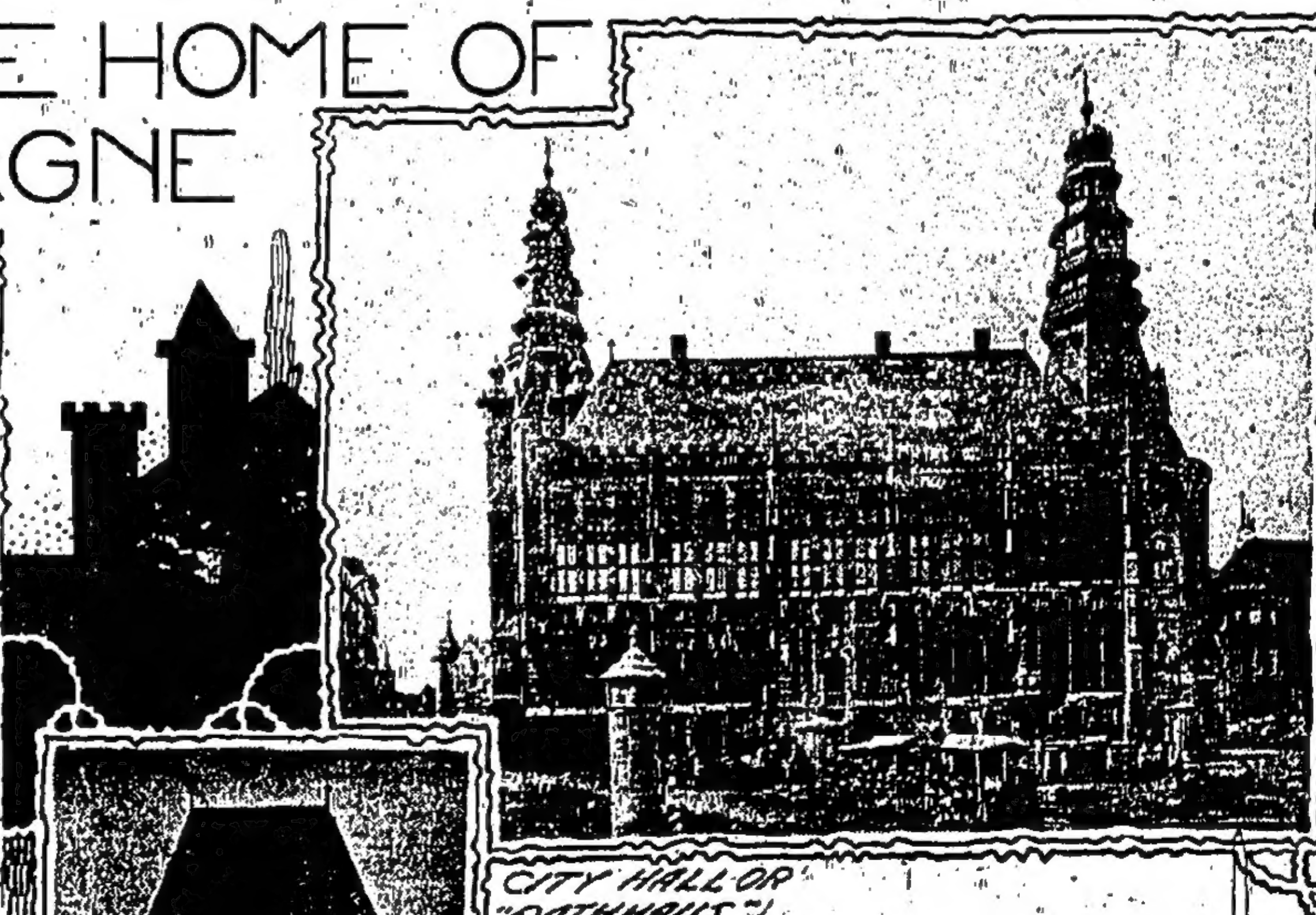
A young woman, once arrived at adult age, remains technically a girl for about four years. Generations of girls are approximately quadrennial. Thus one may easily imagine the arrival, within four years or less, of a generation of girls with long hair, the very possession which would put the bobbed young women into an elderly class.

If that should happen, a quick goodbye to the bob. The new generation of girls would be dressing their features so much more becomingly, with the means wherewith to do it, that the bobbed young women would be obliged to follow suit in order to escape the

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Charles the Great, Carolus Magnus, or as he is popularly known, Charlemagne, had time to be not only the wisest and best king, the most progressive and far-seeing ruler, one of the great world-conquerors but also one of the most famous of all lovers. In the year 800, on Christmas Day, he was crowned at Rome emperor of all the western world. He had won in battle all of what is now Germany, all of Italy and he owned and ruled all France and much of Spain. In a long war, lasting 33 years, he had beaten the warlike Anglo-Saxons. All of modern Europe bowed beneath his sway and he ruled superlatively well. He found Europe dead and all learning asleep, all art and culture trodden under foot and lost to sight. He resurrected, and put new energy into every phase of life, and built up such a kingdom of learning and wide-awake brilliant ideas as had not been seen since the palmy days of Greece and Rome. Between times he went to his little native town of Aachen and became a boy again in his blissful freedom and love of nature. It was here he built a nest for her he loved, the exquisite Fastrada, and to make it worthy of her he ransacked the world and its cities for beautiful ornaments and works of art. The treasures of ruined Rome were brought to light that they might adorn this little village. For it he built one of the world's most beautiful chapels, so lovely that the town was ever after known as the town of the chapel, in French Aix-la-Chapelle.

(By LILLIAN HAYDEN HIBSTON.)

The saying: "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," was all untrue in the case of Charlemagne's beloved wife. There was no woman in all the broad realm of her husband, Charlemagne, whose lot was so supremely happy. There seems not to have been one single cloud to obscure the sunlight of their love. She died before him and was buried there at Aachen. Soon after he too died and was placed side by side in a magnificent marble chair in the crypt of the chapel. He was dressed in his most gorgeous robes and had on his head the golden crown that he had won in battle.

her days, and hold the heart of Charlemagne until she died."

The Wonderful Chapel.

They belonged to the new faith, were Christians, and it was he who spread the faith through the length and breadth of Europe. He brought relics from the Holy Land for his chapel and it became for all the western world a place of pilgrimage. It is said that after his death and the added glory of the town being the resting place of so great an emperor, 142,000 pilgrims came there in one day. Miracles were said to have been made and the fame of the place grew. People from distant lands came, and the wonder-working holy

found comfort there either in the relic-filled chapel or in the medicinal hot springs.

The Modern Town.

It is scarcely fair to speak of modernity in connection with this picturesque and ancient place, but modernity is in some respects one of the finest technical high schools of modern times is there. The people are up-to-date, and wide awake, and keeping up the ideals of the great benefactor and patron of the town. Upon the ruins of Charlemagne's chapel has been built the beautiful city hall or Rathaus, built in the very picturesque style of Germany. Before it, on the great open-air market place, is the great open-air market place, where the people come to buy and sell their goods.

flowers and vegetables and all manner of good things several times a week, and here it is that the people congregate. It is the town club and one hears all the news of the day discussed. The careful Haus-frau takes home her purchases and always on tops of fruit and vegetables are laid the freshest and most beautiful flowers she can find. Above all things the Germans love flowers as the gorgeous window-boxes in every house in Germany tell the passer-by. No house is even built without the openwork iron flower-boxes for every porch and window-ledge. In every corner of Germany these flowers give a greeting to the street.

Aachen Gates Still Stand.

The city has still several of the ancient gates of the great wall that surrounded all ancient cities. The city has grown beyond the old limits and so these gates are in the city itself now as in the days of old. The chapel of Charlemagne survives as the centre of a group of surrounding chapels, all of which together form the large Münster or cathedral. His church was consecrated with the utmost pomp and splendour in the presence of the Pope, who had come from Rome expressly for the ceremony, and of 388 bishops of the church, come from far and near to be present. This took place in the year 804.

sent deputies to Aachen to arrange terms and to decree that an army of 150,000 foreigners should be quartered in France for five years or for some other term. The allies considered France so weakened as to be helpless for aggressive acts. It was also at Aix-la-Chapelle or Aachen that in 1818 France demanded the repeal of the former law. France had astonishingly recovered her prestige and the allies granted her request. The treaty which settled the war of the Spanish Succession was also made here.

A Free City.

Aachen remained through all the centuries what Charlemagne had created it, an imperial free city, to which even men under the ban of empire might come for refuge. It remained, in theory at least, during a great many centuries the capital of Europe. Until 1658 all successors to Charlemagne came there to receive the insignia of office. In 1658 a terrible fire burned down 4,000 houses and in that same century there were great religious wars here and protestants were driven out. The seat of government was finally moved to Frankfurt. There has long been an annual fair held in the town and to which merchants come from all parts of Europe and much business is done.

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German At Heart.

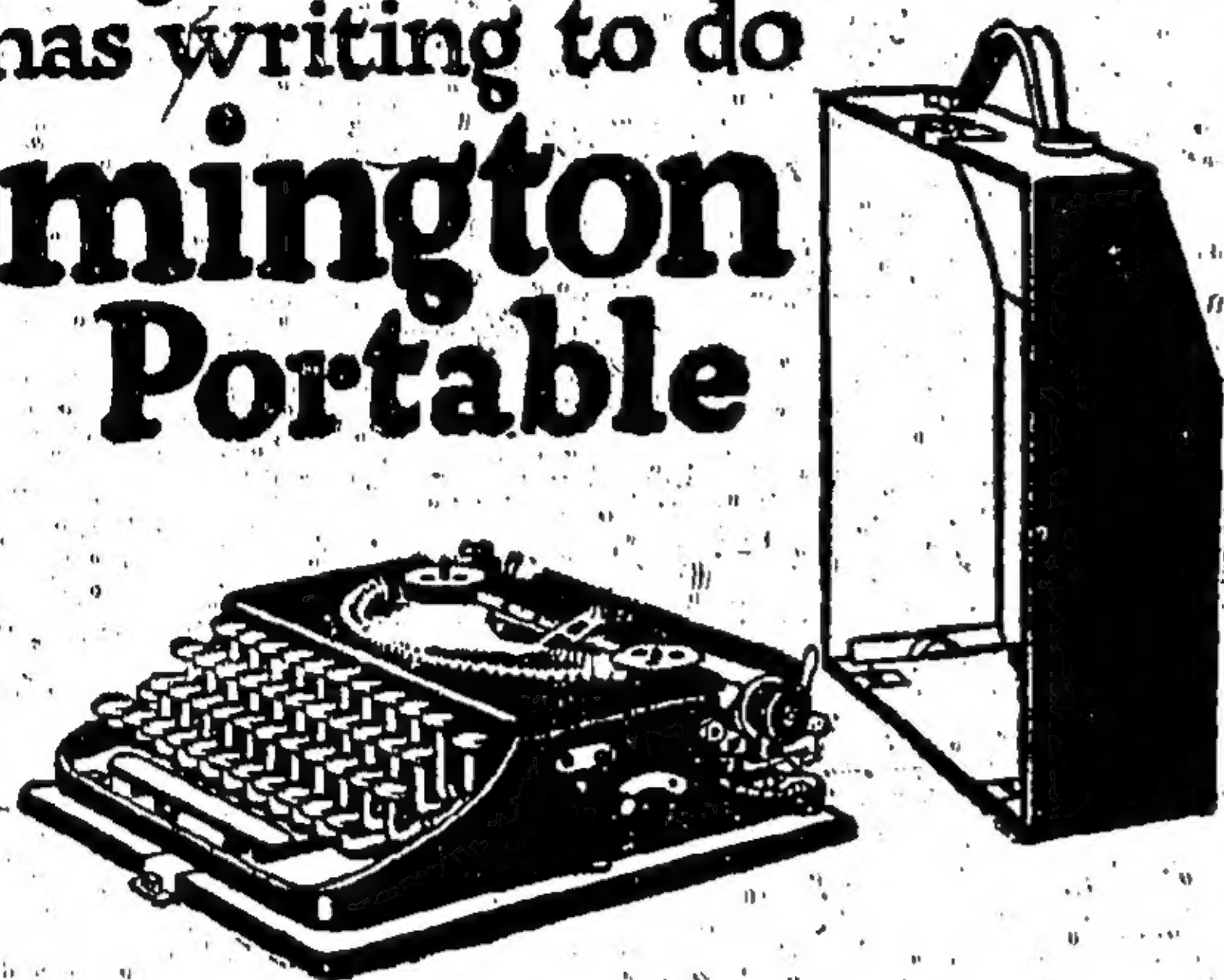
To-day Aachen is an important link in the great railway lines, a centre through which the express trains between France and Germany pass. It is a busy little place and very conscious of its important part in the history of Europe. There were very brief periods when it was held by France, but it has always been in heart and soul a German town since the day when France and Germany first existed as separate entities. In 1815 it was formally ceded to Prussia and all claim to it by any other government was relinquished. By Germany it is called by its name of Aachen, and by France always Aix-la-Chapelle. It is just over the border and is the last station to which tickets are now sold when one in Paris wishes to go by way of Cologne to Germany. I have been informed over and over at the great Paris stations that nothing is sold and no prices known beyond Aix-la-Chapelle. This is in post-war times when the French rather than the German railway companies are running the lines. I have asked in despair: "Have you no idea of the present price, and the connections beyond Aix?" and the answer was always the same: "Not the slightest."

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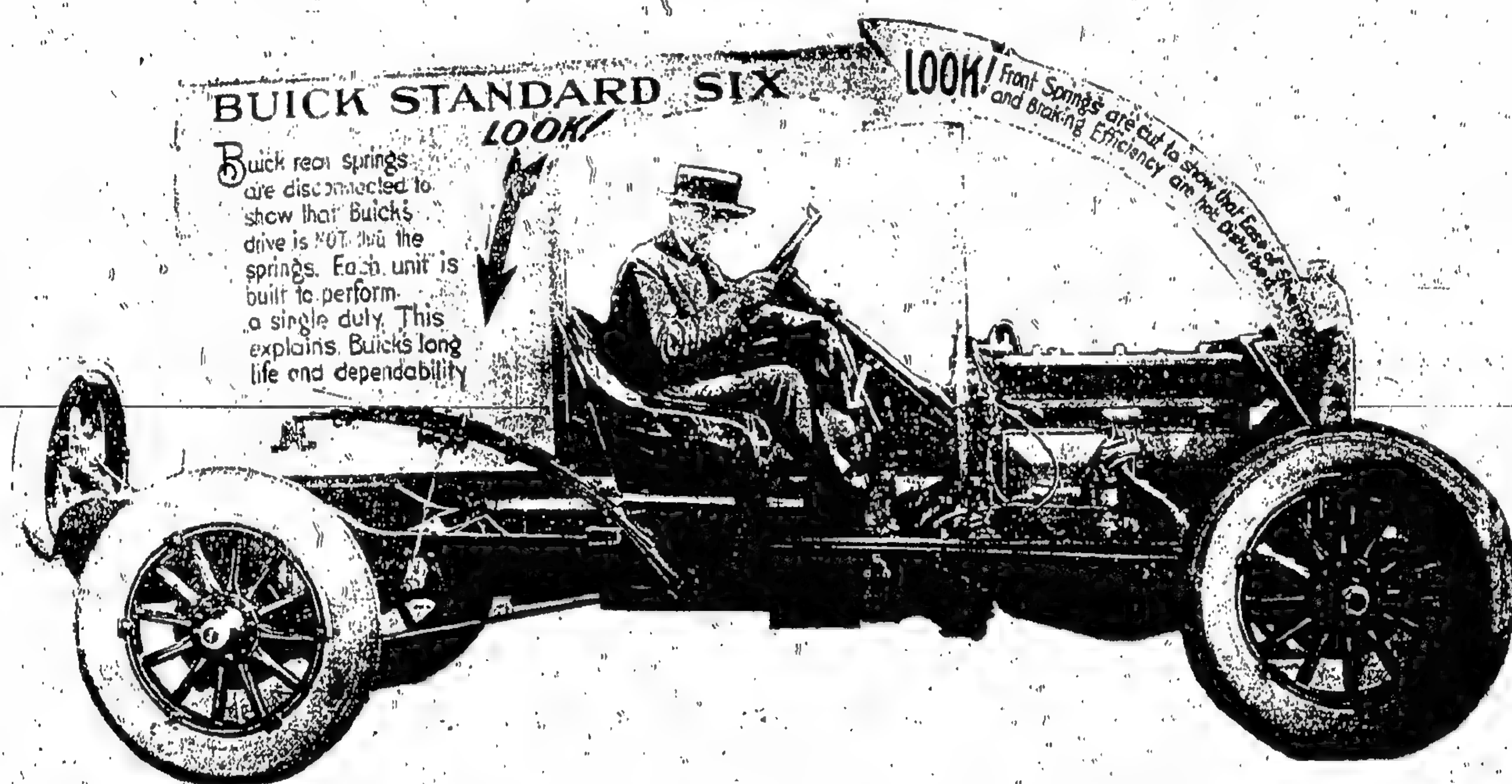
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"MANTUA"	10,903	4th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KARALA"	8,968	15th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"SARDINIA"	6,834	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHGAR"	8,906	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	6,686	31st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,903	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIGILIA"	6,818	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.F. s.s. "Mentor" left Port
aid on Dec. 18 for Marseilles, London,
Rotterdam and Hamburg.

The B.F. s.s. "Taurus" arrived at
New York on Dec. 18.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" arrived at Kobe on Dec. 18, at
1.30 p.m. left Kobe yesterday at 6.30
a.m. and is due at Shanghai to-morrow
at 7.30 a.m.

The B.F. s.s. "Trollia" from Liver-
pool left Singapore on Dec. 16 for this
port and is due here to-day.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Moroka Maru"
(Bombay Line) left Bombay for Hong-
kong via Singapore on Dec. 4 and is
expected here to-morrow.

The B.F. s.s. "Cyclops" from New
York, is due here to-morrow.

The B.F. s.s. "Mendana" for Genoa,
Liverpool and Glasgow is due here
to-day. The vessel will be despatched
at noon to-morrow.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Monroe" is
due to arrive at this port from Shanghai
at 3 p.m. to-morrow. She will call for
Mediterranean ports, Boston, New York
and Havana on Dec. 28 and not
at 6 a.m. Dec. 29 as originally scheduled.

The B.L. s.s. "Tahiti" left Singapore
for this port on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. and is
due here on Dec. 21 at about 3 a.m.

The B.L. s.s. "Benveniste" from
Leith, Middleburg, Antwerp and London
may be expected to arrive here on Dec.
24.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" is due at Hongkong on Dec. 24
at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec.
13 p.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 13 p.m.
and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 24.

The B.F. s.s. "Sardonia" from
Liverpool left Suez on Dec. 3 for Hong-
kong, Shanghai, Dally and Tsingtao
and is due here on Dec. 24.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Farina Maru"
(European Passenger Line) left London
for Hongkong via Suez on Nov. 28 and is
expected here on Dec. 29.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Madison"
which is due at this port on Dec. 31,
sailed from Seattle on Dec. 10-on
schedule.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Harrison"
which is due at this port on Jan. 6, sailed
from New York on Nov. 12-on schedule.

The B.F. s.s. "Atrina" left Liverpool
on Nov. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong,
Shanghai and Dally and is due here on
or about Jan. 6.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"
Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R. Commander,
will leave here for Victoria and Vancou-
ver, B.C., via Shanghai, Narsaki, Kobe
and Yokohama at daylight on Jan. 8.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamo Maru" (Euro-
pean Passenger Line) left London for
Hongkong via Suez on Dec. 6 and is
expected here on Jan. 13.

The B.F. s.s. "Tyndarus" left Liver-
pool on Dec. 7 for Penang, Singapore,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and
Yokohama and is due here on or about
Jan. 12.

The B.F. s.s. "Meriones" left Liver-
pool on Dec. 12 for Straits, Hongkong,
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and
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The B.F. s.s. "Knight Companion"
left Liverpool on Dec. 6 for Straits,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and
Yokohama and is due here on or about
Jan. 21.

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Cargo arrived per s.s. "Malaya"
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MISIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Feb.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU ... Sunday, 4th January.
SUENOS AIRES via Suez, Durban & Cape Town.
KAWACHI MARU (Calls Delagoa Bay & P. Elizabeth), Wednesday, 24th Dec.
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TOKUSIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Dec.
MURORAN MARU ... Saturday, 27th Dec.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
YAMATO MARU ... Monday, 22nd Dec.
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MISIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Jan.
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BIRTHS.

GREEN.—On December 13, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
A. E. Green, a daughter.
(Stillborn.)

PADON.—On December 14, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
B. A. Padon, a son.

DEATHS.

WILLSON.—On November 7, at
Sydney, Australia, Caroline
Mabbot Willson, widow of the
late Charles Sidney Willson
and beloved mother of Mrs.
Arthur S. Allan, of Shanghai.

FOLEY.—On December 14, at
Shanghai, Mrs. T. Foley, nee
Beatrice Aiers, aged 28 years.

NIELSEN.—On December 13, at
Shanghai, Lydia, Konstan-
tinovna Nielsen, dearly loved
wife of Valdemar Nielsen.

BRAVO!

There is a Chinese shop assist-
ant in Hongkong who deserves a
laurel wreath. But if a laurel
wreath is not to be found in the
Colony, we have no doubt he would
be content with a gold watch. For
the information of anyone who
might feel disposed to present him
with a gold watch, or any similar
token, of esteem, we would men-
tion that his address is No. 43,
Bonham Street West. Unfor-
tunately we are unable to give his
name, as the reporters appear to

have thought it hardly worth
mentioning, but we are ready to
believe he could be picked out
among thousands, owing (we are
sure) to a superior cast of
feature, betokening character
much above the average. Armed
with these details, some enterpris-
ing employer, we have no doubt,
will seek out this nameless foki,
and forthwith offer him a goodly
billet. For he is, as a servant,
a pearl above price. Hear again
the story of his doughty doings.
Early this week a Chinese entered
No. 43, Bonham Strand West,
which is a medicine shop, and
bought, among all imaginable
articles for sale in this strange
city, two rhinoceros horns and two
reindeer horns, worth, for medi-
cinal purposes, something over
\$140. Nothing very remarkable
in that? Patience a moment!

Stating that he had no money with
him, the customer asked that a
foki be sent with the goods to
collect the bill. Here fate took a
hand in the game, and our
foki with the bright eye and
the determined jaw was selected
for the task. The customer
led the way to No. 586, Queen's
Road West. When the twain
had ascended to the landing of
the second floor, which was very
dark, the customer, who was no
customer, at all, but a low
scoundrel, produced a packet of
pepper, and throwing the contents
into the eyes of his trustful com-
panion, made off with the horns.
But he had reckoned without our
friend the foki. Scorning the pain
caused by the pepper, and ignoring
the risk that the fugitive might
be armed, he promptly gave chase,
and thanks doubtless to the occult
influence of the stolen horns,
which we have no doubt conspired
to give the pursuer the fleetness
of the deer and the pursued the
clumsiness of the rhinoceros, over-
took a man who has now to satisfy
his judges that he is not the
offender. Such is the story of the
foki of No. 43, Bonham Strand
West. Simply the tale of what
any European lad would have done
in like circumstances? Maybe.
But our foki friend is not a
European lad. He belongs to a
race which, as we had occasion to
point out again only this week,
is sadly lacking in community

spirit—notoriously lacking in it
where coping with crime is con-
cerned. Possibly our plucky foki
is but an exception to the rule.
Rather let us hope that, along with
a few other equally intrepid spirits
whose sterling deeds have been
recorded in the public prints, he is
the representative of a new type
of Chinese citizen, a type whose
stronger sense of civic duty will
overcome natural apathy and thus
materially help to reduce crime
in the Colony. Anyway our foki
friend has fully earned his little
triumph and if we are not to see
him flaunting a laurel wreath,
which is the fitting reward, we
hope to see him sporting a gold
watch, personal souvenir of a
proud achievement and heirloom
for countless generations, all
gifted with the same courage, all
imbued with the same strong
community spirit.

Taking The Oath.

By his indignation at the action
of one of the jurymen in
deliberately keeping on his hat
while taking the oath the fore-
man of the jury which yesterday
found guilty the shop foki charged
with the murder of his master,
showed ignorance either of the
fact that the particular man was
a Jew or of the obligations which
the Jewish religion imposes on its
followers on such occasions. There
is no question of opinion about it,
like in that of kissing the book; if
a man or woman is of the
Jewish faith he or she must
take the oath thuswise, and it
is not unknown for the validity
of the jury's verdict to be ques-
tioned because of neglect of this
duty. A Jew jurymen must also
take his oath on the Old Testa-
ment and not on the New, which
is the book most commonly in use
at courts, this, of course being
due to the fact that the Jewish
creed does not recognise the New
Testament as part of the Bible.
Another predilection which the
law makes allowances for is that
of the Mohammedan who may
take the oath in his own manner
on the Koran; and then again,
should a person object to taking
the oath on the ground that he
has no religious belief or that the
taking of an oath is contrary to
his religious belief he may make
a "solemn affirmation." Who
knows but that instead of being a
matter of curiosity and of com-
ment in the newspapers this
method of signifying the bona fide
nature of one's evidence may not
in time become the general rule.
In Scotland and America adju-
ration of the Deity with uplifted
hand may still be made.

Canton's Uncertainty.

As pointed out by our Canton
correspondent last week, there
still remains a good deal of
uncertainty with regard to the
intentions of Chan Kwing-ming.
Reports from time to time are
spread that Chan intends to
assume the post of Commander-
in-Chief of the Cantonese Army;
these are as frequently denied on
the ground that he would be
assuming an empty title. The Red
forces, under General Hu Han-
min, are still in control of the
city of Canton, while the Kwang-
tung patriot (Chan Kwing-ming)
has his headquarters at Waichow,
a long distance in a land where
communications are so behind the
times. His advance guard is still
at Sheklung, a point not more
than 16 miles from Canton, but
already a fatal one for Chan.
When he was last ousted from
Canton by Dr. Sun's party,
General Chan attempted to restore
his position in the province by an
attack on the capital from the
direction of Waichow. He
advanced as far as Sheklung,
fought what seemed a moderately
successful battle there but then
his effort came to an end and he
got no farther. If he now pursues
his threat of a new advance from
Waichow, there must be another
battle at Sheklung. It is this
recollection of past defeat that
makes General Chan Kwing-
ming hesitate in all probability
and incidentally add to the
anxiety of those living in Canton.

GERMANY.

EFFORTS TO FORM CABINET FAIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, December 19.
Owing to the impossibility of
forming a government command-
ing a certain majority, the
Cabinet-making efforts have been
abandoned until the approach of
the opening of the Reichstag on
January 6. In the meantime
the Marx-Stroemmann Govern-
ment will carry on. It is
probable that the Marx Govern-
ment will confront the Reichstag
and take the chance of being
defeated.

"FAIRY TALES."

STORY OF \$3,000,000 BRIBE DENIED.

PEKING SIDELIGHT.

Denials of rumours published
in the vernacular press that
Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the
Mukden warlord, had paid a
bribe of \$3,000,000 to the Chris-
tian General Feng Yu-hsiang for
turning against Wu Pei-fu, were
made yesterday to a "China
Mail" reporter by a Cantonese
merchant who has just returned
from Manchuria and Tientsin.
In the course of conversation
on the political situation at
Peking, the speaker predicted
that Marshal Tuan Chi-jui is
likely to remain as Chief Execu-
tive for some time, as Chang and
Feng will see to it that neither
becomes top dog. In their
efforts to preserve the "balance
of power," they will rather see
the Presidency remain with
Tuan.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has shot his
bolt. Even if he has renounced
his Communist tendencies and
freed himself from his Soviet en-
tanglements, he will only be taken
at his face value. In the mer-
chant's opinion, Dr. Sun's hints
of going abroad are of the nature
of preliminaries to "save face,"
as he has come to realise that
there is no room for him either
at Peking, or for that matter, at
Canton. Whatever "push" Dr.
Sun is now getting in the North
can be mainly attributed to his
immediate partisans wishing to
have him appointed to power so
that they themselves may soon
enjoy the sweets of office.

BRIBE STORY UNTRUE.

Reference was made to
rumours, current at the time,
that Feng Yu-hsiang's coup was
the result of payment to him by
the Mukden satrap of the huge
sum of \$3,000,000. This was
emphatically denied by the
speaker, who claimed to have
been in touch with official circles
by reason of protracted transac-
tions with the army transport
authorities, both in furs and in
wheat.

Another piece of gossip be-
lieved by many people in Hong-
kong and Canton was mentioned
concerning Chang Tso-lin's atti-
tude towards Feng at the now
famous Tientsin conference
among Tuan, Chang and
Feng. According to reports at
the time, Chang kept the Chris-
tian general virtually a prisoner,
and insisted that he (Feng)
become a "sworn brother" of his
(Chang's) son. This step would
place Feng in the position of an
equal, socially, with Chang
junior, and Feng would have to
address Chang with reverence
and respect. Going still further,
the rumour mongers maintained
that after the "swearing in"
ceremony, Chang put on airs
when greeted by Feng. This is
said to have led to bad feeling.

Having been in Tientsin at the
time, the speaker stated, he was
in a position to deny such "base-
less fairy tales."

MARSHAL TUAN'S POSITION.

At present Marshal Tuan
retains his position because
many of the civil administrators
served under him during the
Anfu regime and a good many of
the military leaders were his
pupils at the Peking Military
Academy. With the Chinese, a
former pupil must always treat a
teacher with the utmost respect,
to a degree shown to a parent.
Meanwhile Chang is "keeping
an eye" on Feng. Should the
Christian general be content to
remain where he is, the speaker
feels confident that Chang will
retire into Manchuria, although
it is hard to believe that he does
not care to make himself for the
first "hereditary president" of
China. Tuan's reason for refus-
ing to accept Feng's succession of
resignations is that Feng's "Iron-
side Army" can always act as a
check to Chang's strength.

Another interesting observa-
tion made during the course of
the conversation between the
merchant and our reporter was
that a large number of field
officers, Cantonese and other
Southerners, who had previously
seen service in Canton, had
migrated North and were now
under Chang Tso-lin's banner.

EXCLUSIVENESS.

CANADA FOR THE WHITE RACES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Victoria, B.C., December 19.
The Legislative Assembly has
unanimously passed a resolution
introduced by the Minister, Mr.
Sloan, asking the Federal Gov-
ernment to take steps to ensure
the abrogation of all inter-
national treaties preventing
Canada from exercising unham-
pered control of Oriental
immigration.
Mr. Sloan urged that Canada
must be kept for Canadians and
declared "Orientals and whites
would not mix."

TAKE NOTE.

HOW A PEAK MAN LOST A SUIT.

AND WHAT THE POLICE DID.

The following letter from the
Honorary Secretary of the Peak
Residents' Association (Mr.
E. B. C. Hornelly to the Captain
Superintendent of Police (the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) has
been sent to us for publication:—
"Dear Sir—The following let-
ter has been addressed to me as
Hon. Secretary of the Peak Res-
idents' Association by Mr. G.
Sewell, 451, Peak, Hongkong,
dated the 9th instant:—

Yesterday afternoon at about
3.15 a telephone message was
received at my residence, 451,
The Peak, asking that my grey
suit of clothes should be sent
down to the Hongkong Club.
This was done and the basket
containing such suit was
handed by the House coolie to a
Chinese who was standing in
the porch-way of the Hong-
kong Club. The latter men-
tioned my firm's name and
said he would take the clothes
to me. They were, however,
taken by him to a Pawn-shop
where they were found by the
Police to-day. The staff in my
residence have been instructed
in future not to send any
clothes down unless the owner
personally telephones for
them.

The foregoing facts are
brought to your notice in the
hope that it may assist in pre-
venting other Peak residents
from being similarly victimized.
You may possibly be aware
that there was a burglary at
the above address about two
months ago and that the
Peak Police were successful
not only in tracing the theft
but in recovering some of the
stolen property. In the pre-
sent instance they recovered
the property within 4 hours of
its loss being reported. I feel
sure that you will agree with
me that in both cases the
action of the Police is worthy
of the highest commendation.

Whilst strongly endorsing the
remarks made by Mr. Sewell in
the concluding paragraph of his
letter, my Committee hope that
you will convey to Inspector
Marks and all concerned their ap-
preciation of the able and
efficient manner in which both of
the cases referred to by Mr.
Sewell have been handled."

TAIKOO BOAT.

THIS AFTERNOON'S CEREMONY.

"NINGHAI" LAUNCHING.

The latest addition to the fleet
of The China Navigation Co. Ltd.
will be launched to-day at 4.30
p.m. from the shipbuilding yard of
The Taikoo Dockyard and Engi-
neering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd.

The vessel which is named
"Ninghai" is intended for the
coasting trade, and is a finely
modelled steel-screw steamer of
about 2,000 tons gross measure-
ment. The principal dimensions
are:—Length 305 feet over-all,
breadth 44 feet, depth 21 feet 6
inches to upper deck, and is built
on the deep framing principle, to
scantlings approved by the British
Corporation. The vessel has a top
gallant forecastle for crew, and
accommodation in bridge for petty
officers and Chinese passengers.
There are large steel deckhouses
on bridge deck containing saloon,
and rooms for officers, engineers,
stateroom, etc. The Captain's
cabin, chart room, and wireless
house are arranged on boat deck.
Aft, on upper deck, is a steel
house containing the steam
steering gear which is of the
"Wilson and Pirrie" type placed
directly over the rudder and is con-
trolled by telemotor gear from
standard on bridge. The main
and upper decks are of steel, the
forecastle and bridge being teak
sheathed. A double-bottom for
water ballast has been arranged
from fore peak bulkhead to aft
peak bulkhead; peak tanks being
also used as trimming tanks. The
vessel has four large cargo hatches
ranging from 33'0" long, and has
twelve derricks capable of dealing
with weights up to 40 tons, with
twelve powerful steam winches,
also a strong warping steam win-
lass on forecastle deck. The vessel
is electrically lighted throughout.
Triple expansion engines, having
cylinders 18", 29", 27" diameters
with 39 inches stroke, are being
installed with two multitubular
marine boilers fitted with North
Eastern Marine Co.'s superheaters
having a working pressure of 200
lbs. per square inch. The vessel
will have a sea speed of 10 knots.
The naming ceremony is to be
performed by Mrs. A. H. Barlow.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER SHAREHOLDERS.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the company this morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert G. Shewan.

After the Secretary (Mr. W. J. Brown) had read the usual notice convening the meeting, Mr. Robert G. Shewan (the Chairman) spoke as follows:

The Chairman's Speech.

With your permission we will take the report and accounts which have been in your hands for some time, as read. The result of the year's work is a profit on working account of \$472,822.03 or an increase of \$76,722.82 on last year, which I trust you will agree is highly satisfactory. The gross profit is \$478,905.91 and the net amount available for distribution, after deducting the usual fees to the Consulting Committee and auditors and providing for depreciation is \$385,255.20 which we recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share on 400,000 shares (Old) \$300,000.00
To pay a dividend of 80¢ per share on 100,000 shares (New) 80,000.00
To write off Overhead Main 20,000.00
To place to Reserve and Sinking Fund Account 20,000.00
To pay a bonus to Staff of 10 per cent 6,000.00
To carry forward 21,121.50
\$526,221.50

We recommend opening a reserve and renewals account to meet any special heavy expenditure that may have to be met in one year for repairs but which really belongs to the past year. In other words we want to average our charges for repairs instead of having to meet the whole in one year.

As regards our business, the accounts speak for themselves and show that the consumption for light and power continues to increase with the development of Kowloon. In 1923 the number of street lamps supplied and maintained by the Company was 100 whereas by the 30th September, 1924, this number had increased to 216 lamps. The Government now realize the importance of using high candle power lamps for street lighting and as new roads are completed, we can look forward to a steady rise in the demand for public lighting by electricity. Our new 3,000 kilowatt set was installed during the year and is running most satisfactorily and economically. But it will not be long at the present rate of increase before we shall have to make use of the 5,000 kilowatt set the first portion of which is due here about February and the remainder by June.

As will be seen from the accounts there has been a heavy outlay in connection with the installation of the 3,000 kilowatt set and boiler house extension. The expenses incurred cover the cost of the 3,000 kilowatt set, four boilers with economizer, induced draft fan, chimneys, feed pumps and auxiliaries, also part cost of foundations for the new 5,000 kilowatt set on order.

A number of extensions have been made to underground mains to enable us to cope with the demand on our system in the Yau-mai and Mongkok Districts. Within the next twelve months we shall have to make provision for considerably extending our underground feeder system in all districts and this we estimate will entail an expenditure of approximately \$35,000.

Our weak asset is our overhead mains and if you approve our recommendation they will then stand at a nominal figure. Sundry debtors on September 30 stood at \$183,601.78 but have since been reduced and stand at about \$64,771 to-day.

Owing to the heavy payments we have recently had to make on Capital Account and which have been met out of Revenue, we have not sufficient cash to pay the dividend, consequently we propose to make a second call on the 200,000 shares of \$1 each, payable on March 25, 1924.

Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I must explain that by an oversight the bonus to the staff last year was not voted, but was paid and is included in the present accounts. In passing those accounts you will therefore be confirming the payment for bonus to the staff of 10 per cent for 1922-23 in addition to the present bonus of 10 per cent for the year 1923-24.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be passed and the profits for the year be distributed as proposed. When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

STAMP LAWS.

PROPOSED FURTHER AMENDMENTS.

An amended draft of the bill to amend further the Stamp Ordinance of 1921 is published in to-day's "Government Gazette."

Broadly speaking, the present law, enacted in 1921, is that instruments executed on behalf of the Government are exempt from stamp duty. The former law, which dates back to 1865, was that instruments whereby any contract was made with the Government were exempt from stamp duty, whether the instrument was executed on behalf of the Government or not. Clause 2 of this bill proposes to go back to the old law on this subject. The chief reasons for this proposed change in the law are as follows:—

(a) In some cases the intention of the transaction is to assist the other party on certain terms and not to make money, e.g., a building loan.
(b) In other cases the only object is to secure the performance of obligations already accepted.
(c) In other cases the object is to secure Government servants, etc., and it is presumed that in such cases there is no desire to collect additional revenue by means of stamps.
(d) Probably in every case the main object of the instrument is to secure the rights of the Government.

Clause 4 applies the new rule, i.e., the old value restored, to instruments executed before the commencement of the amending Ordinance.

2. Section 35 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, provides for exempting from stamp duty reassignments and consequential new mortgages executed for the purpose of obtaining a Crown lease. It is now proposed to provide in the same way for exempting from stamp duty reassignments and new mortgages executed for the purpose of effecting an exchange of land with the Crown. This is dealt with in clause 3 of the Bill, and clause 7 (2) contains a consequential amendment.

3. The stamp duty on the appointment of a new trustee is \$10, and this duty covers any transfer of property made for the purpose of effectuating the appointment, provided that such transfer is made in the instrument appointing the new trustee. It is often inconvenient and inadvisable to make such transfers in the instrument of appointment, but if such transfers are made by separate instruments the stamp duty at present is \$20 on each transfer. The stamp duty in England, in such a case, is 10 shillings, and it is now proposed to make the stamp duty in such a case 5s here. The stamp duty in this case is being reduced because, unlike the usual cases in which substantial duty is charged, no consideration or beneficial interest passes. This point is dealt with in clauses 5, 6 and 7 (1) of the bill.

WIDER POWERS.

NEW DANGEROUS GOODS RULES.

There will shortly be introduced into the Legislative Council a bill to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance 1873. The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) explains the objects of the bill as follows:

1. The only powers of search contained in the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873, are those under sections 11 and 12. Section 11 requires the authority of the Governor, and section 12 requires a warrant from a magistrate. A magistrate's warrant involves delay and the expenditure of an appreciable amount of the time of various officers. The Dangerous Goods Inspector may in his tour of a district see a dozen places that he would like to search. It has been thought better, therefore, to follow the precedent of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, and to give the Captain Superintendent of Police power to authorise particular selected police officers to have powers of search for the purpose of detecting the breaches of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance. It has not been thought necessary to retain the slightly wider obligation imposed upon dealers by paragraph (1) of section 11 of the principal Ordinance.

2. Particular powers of forfeiture are contained in sections 9 (2), 10 (5), and 11 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873. There is also a general power of forfeiture in section 12. This bill proposes to insert a new section 12 which will deal simply with the question of forfeiture, and which will give a general power of forfeiture. Section 15 of the principal Ordinance is repealed by the bill as it deals only with forfeiture, but it has not been thought necessary to repeal the references to forfeiture in sections 9 (2) and 10 (5) of the principal Ordinance.

WELSH NOTES.

OUR PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION.

[BY AP RHYS.]

In spite of a large turn-over to Conservatism in Wales at the recent elections, it will be noted that the Government is still in a minority there. Sixteen Labour members, eleven Liberals and nine Conservatives—these are the actual figures for the new Parliament and they compare with twenty Labour members, twelve Liberals and four Conservatives in the last Parliament.

It is a significant fact, however, that they have more than doubled their number and have thus attained a numerical strength far beyond any previous return in the course of the century. It has been claimed, with what degree of accuracy it is impossible to gauge at this distance away from the centre of activities, that their success is due to the new life and energy which has been infused into the Welsh Conservative party by the rapid growth of Socialism in the industrial districts of Wales.

Another respect in which the election results are a departure from tradition is in regard to Liberal representation, which is even more drastically displaced from its traditional dominance, having now to be satisfied with but a third of the total number of members from Wales. But as is pointed out by Mr. J. Hugh Edwards, M.P. in the "British Weekly," Welsh Liberals have the satisfaction of knowing that what they miss quantitatively they have gained qualitatively; for of the quartette of Liberal statesmen on whom the duties and responsibilities of leadership on the floor of the House of Commons will now devolve, no fewer than three of them—Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Runciman—are the representatives of Welsh constituencies, while the remaining member of the quartette—Sir John Simon—is linked to the Principality by the closest of ties, for his father was a Welshman who hailed from Pembrokeshire.

"Needless to say," writes Mr. Edwards, "the phenomenal majority of over twelve thousand votes by which Mr. Lloyd George was returned for the Carnarvon Boroughs evoked the utmost gratification in every part of the Principality. So outstanding a triumph afforded a striking demonstration of the supreme place which he continues to hold in the pride and affection of his race. A word of commendation is due to the Conservative leaders in the Carnarvon Boroughs for their patriotic action in withdrawing their own candidate in order to ensure the triumphal return of one whom Wales has long learnt to honour as the greatest of all her sons."

"While Welshmen have thus much cause for gratification, it must be confessed that some of the casualties on the stricken field have evoked feelings of sadness and of disappointment. Chief among such casualties was the reverse which Sir Donald Maclean suffered at Cardiff. Although he is of Scottish descent, he received his education in Wales, and he has spent almost the whole of his life in our midst. As a result he has gained a most intimate knowledge of our people, among whom he enjoys great personal popularity. It is no secret that it was his superb skill in negotiation that was primarily responsible, for effecting a reunion between the two sections in Welsh Liberalism which had been so bitterly alienated from each other. It cannot be long before he finds his way back to his appointed destiny at Westminster. It is to be hoped that Wales will secure for herself the credit and the distinction of providing him with his opportunity."

MIND YOUR TRAPS.

WOMAN BAGGAGE THIEF.

"Ringing the changes"—only in another form—is evidently not the monopoly of the European who, as reported in the "China Mail," victimised a Chinese bookseller earlier in the week. Yesterday afternoon, in the hubbub of the departure of the river steamer "Tai Ming" from Hongkong, a Chinese woman successfully rang the changes with some luggage.

Going on board the ship when it was crowded she laid down a travelling basket, close to other packages belonging to other female passengers. It was not long before she decided to go ashore again. When she left the ship she took with her, not her own basket, but a bag which was the property of another lady passenger.

When the latter noticed her loss, an examination of the strange basket was made, and it was found to contain only a few valueless trifles.

"DROPPED A BRICK."

THE LONDON "TIMES" ON WISH WYNNE.

From its lofty heights the London "Times" once naively asked the question below, thereby producing the amused comment of other newspapers more inclined to frivolity. For some years Wish Wynne, had been one of the most brilliant music hall stars. The dignity of the Empire's greatest journal did not, however, until recently when the King and Queen honoured it, admit of any knowledge of the music halls. To the "Times" no such institution existed, and when Wish Wynne departed temporarily from the variety stage to play the leading part in Arnold Bennett's "The Great Adventure," at the Kingsway Theatre, the "Times" opened its first night critique of that play with that historic question. The first half of the column was devoted to a singular tribute to Wish Wynne's art, and few, surely, have won such encomiums from the "Times" as these:

"Who is Wish Wynne? According to the Kingsway playbills she appears by courtesy of the various music hall proprietors, and presumably, therefore, she is what in those regions is called an 'artiste.' Fortunately she is something much more valuable; she is an artist. The picture she gave us last night was a thing, quite perfect. Everything she did struck you at once as being entirely right. It would have been so easy to vulgarise the part, to caricature the type, to solicit the empty laugh. But Wish Wynne knew better than that; she saw the true and exact measure of the character she had to portray, and played it with a nice accuracy to the hundredth part of an inch. And that is why we say that she is a great artist."

High praise, that, from such a source. It is little wonder that Wish Wynne sprang into fame even greater than the music halls had afforded her. The "Daily Chronicle" declared that the Great Adventure at the Kingsway was the arrival of Wish Wynne from the halls. Becoming a celebrity she enjoyed all the limelight that fact attached. The London "Sketch" included her portrait in the full page gallery of folks that periodical 'takes its hat off to.' E. V. Lucas, in his book "A Loiterer's Harvest" devoted a whole chapter to Wish Wynne. She became the newspaper talk of London.

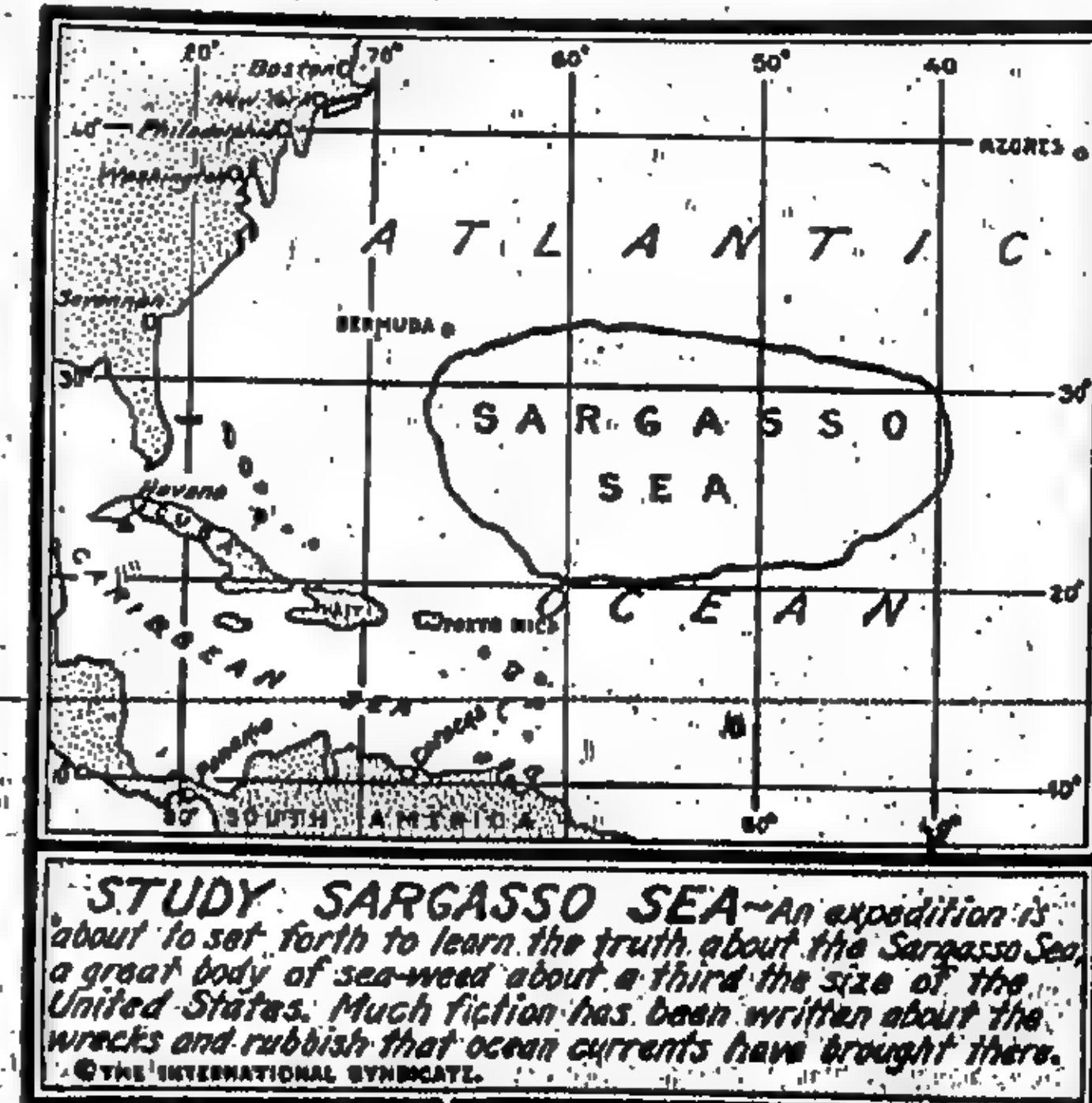
And now, having visited America three times and South Africa and Australia three times each, she is making her first tour of the East. She comes here at the very height of her fame, and M. Edgar Warwick, to whose enterprise Hongkong is indebted for the chance of seeing the great impressionist, is to be congratulated upon his 'capture.' The season opens on Boxing Night at the Theatre Royal.

"HUMOURSEQU."

A BEAUTIFUL STORY AT THE STAR.

A very human story is the Star Theatre's offering to-morrow. "Humoursequ"—that intriguing thing which appeals to the senses whenever it is played, serves as the basis for the incidents in the lives of homely people. There is the doing, mother, the parsimonious father, and the boy who will have a violin much to his mother's secret joy. Later the talent of the boy is developed and he becomes a world's favourite. The future is at his feet; there is nothing to stop him. Then the war comes and fame and fortune are sacrificed in an act of offering which results in a wounded shoulder and an inability to play his beloved instrument. How he discovers he can play and the accompanying scenes of wild joy, the picture shows with faithfulness. It is a fine picture in every sense of the word.

THE SEAWEEED'S TALE!



HOLIDAYS.

NEXT YEAR'S LITTLE LIST.

Next Year the following public and general holidays will be observed as Government Holidays.

Public Holiday:
Empire Day, or if that day should be a Sunday, then the following day, Monday, May 25.
General Holidays:
Every Sunday.

The first week-day in January, Thursday, January 1.
Chinese New Year's Day, or if that day should be a Sunday, then the following day, Saturday, January 24.

The first week-day, following Chinese New Year's day, or if Chinese New Year's Day should be a Sunday, then the Tuesday following Chinese New Year's Day, Monday, January 26.

Good Friday, Friday, April 10.
The day following Good Friday, Saturday, April 11.

Easter Monday, Monday, April 13.

Whit Monday, Monday, 1st June.
The birthday of His Majesty the King, unless it shall be ordered by the Governor, by an order published in the "Gazette," that His Majesty's Birthday is to be kept on some other day, and then, such other day, Wednesday, June 3.

The first week-day in July, Wednesday, July 1.

The first Monday in August, Monday, August 3.

The second Monday in October, Monday, October 12.

Armistice Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, Wednesday, November 11.

Christmas Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, Friday, December 25.

The twenty-sixth day of December, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, or if Christmas Day should be a Sunday then the Tuesday following Christmas Day, Saturday, December 26.

The Governor has excluded the Police Magistrate's Department from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, on January 26, April 11 and 13, May 25, June 1, August 3, October 12, and December 26, 1925.

The Imports and Exports Department will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon on all the above days except Chinese New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.

MARKING TIME.

CHAN KWING-MING'S WAITING GAME.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CANTON, December 19.
Further news has trickled through to Canton concerning the doings of General Chan Kwing-ming.

He is both reported as being due to return to Swatow to-morrow and as 'going back to' Waichow city where he will 'assume office' as Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Army.

It is also mentioned that no basis has been arrived at for clearing away former misunderstanding between General Chan and his ally, the anti-Sun Kwangsi man, Lin Fu.

Those who profess to know, predict that Chan Kwing-ming will be satisfied to mark time and will not complicate matters by pretending to give orders to all the Cantonese detachments in the province, some of whom are nominally against him.

FIRE.

TIMBER YARD BLAZES AT MONGKOKTSUI.

Damage to the extent of \$4,000 was done in a fire which broke out in a timber yard at Mongkoktsui last evening. The Kowloon Fire Brigade arrived on the spot with commendable promptness and their efforts soon resulted in confining the fire to only a part of the yard. The fire float was sent across, but the Kowloon Brigade had the situation well in hand and no assistance was necessary.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's "Government Gazette" contains a regulation prohibiting the conveyance through the post of coin and gold and silver bullion.

The local regulations for granting exclusive rights of maintaining services of public motor vehicles made by the Governor in Council on April, 1921, have been rescinded.

To-day's "Government Gazette" publishes orders for the removal of all graves in a certain portion of Hau Pin Lung Cemetery and a certain portion of Kowloon Tong Cemetery.

The owner being absent from the Colony, certain property at Wong Nei Chong Village required for a public purpose is to be resumed under the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance.

Twenty lots of Crown land on Lantau Island are being offered for sale. The smallest is 2,500 sq. feet, upset price \$25, and the largest 50,000 sq. feet, upset price \$500.

The new armoured car of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has now been completed and was out in Kowloon yesterday on its first trials. It looks a fine and serviceable vehicle but appears to suffer from one defect—it has no self-starter. If there is any fault, the driver will not have a "healthy" time when he has to start up under heavy fire.

Under a new rule made by the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., monthly tickets can only be used by the persons to whom they are issued. Tickets must bear the names of the users and cannot be sold or transferred. Any breach of this rule will lead to the offender being prosecuted and the ticket cancelled.

The Offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Christmas Vacation will commence on December 24 and terminate on January 1, 1925, (both days inclusive).

Carl Gunter, remanded on a charge of being in unlawful possession of eight Mauser pistols said to have been obtained from a German steamer, should have appeared at the U.S. Court, Shanghai last Saturday, but failed to do so. Accordingly, his bail of \$500 was forfeited, and Mr. N. E. Lorton, the Commissioner, issued a warrant for his arrest.

The U. S. Department of Labour announces that correspondents of Japanese newspapers and employees of American branches of Japanese banks and commercial concerns, also Japanese employed in a clerical capacity, by local branches of Japanese steamship companies are entitled to admission into the United States by the new Immigration Bill.

A wireless message from Leaflet dated November 17, says:—In December next new regulations will come into effect under which British passports may be granted valid for a period of five years from date of issue. All British passports presented for renewal, the validity of which has already or will shortly expire, may be renewed from the date of expiration for any period from one to five years at the option of the holder provided that in no case shall the validity of passports be extended beyond ten years from the original date of issue.

The ceremonies at a Chinese temple in Peking Road, Shanghai, were rudely disturbed last Saturday morning by the visit of a gang of armed men. The leader of four, all of whom carried revolvers, quietly made his way into the Temple, approached a prominent Chinese (the brother of a man who has been kidnapped), and presented a demand for a heavy ransom, intimating that the man held for ransom would meet with his death if the money was not forthcoming. Without waiting for a reply, the messenger retired and, on reaching the street door, drew a revolver and fired, this being the signal for more shots by other members of the gang. All the shots were fired in the air, and were obviously intended to impress upon the Chinese concerned the dire consequences which may quickly ensue if the sum demanded is not paid. The four men then disappeared among the crowd and all trace of them was lost, says the "N. C. Daily News."

The loss of a revolver, valued at \$40, is reported from his cabin by an officer of the s.s. "Haitan."

According to "Le Matin," the French economical delegation to Japan will depart for Tokyo in February or March.

The U. S. House of Representatives has approved the provisions of the Navy Appropriations Bill, maintaining the Navy at 86,000 enlisted men.

A Chinese has been arrested by the police in connection with the dead body of an old woman found a few days ago at Tai-shi-koo on the other side of Lyceum Pass.

An accident occurred in the new Government building near the Central Market when a workman fell from the second to the first floor. The man sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to hospital.

If it be true, as reported in the "Asahi," that Chang Tso-lin has bought an old torpedo-boat of 127 tons for Y.600,000, one can only say that he is an easy customer to get a good price out of. Such a craft could only be a deathtrap if it came into collision with anything better than junk. It raises an interesting point for the League of Nations and the Washington Naval Agreement, when we find that ships belonging to a Government can be sold to a jobber and resold to another Government for war purposes.

After the conclusion of the car festival during which Ezhavas were prohibited under section 144 from using the public roads of Kalpathi village (within Palghat Municipal limits), Mr. Dowdell, sub-Collector of Palghat, called a conference of representatives of Brahmins and non-caste Hindus, says a message from Madras. After hearing arguments regarding the right of non-caste Hindus to the use of roads in villages, Mr. Dowdell passed orders that the Brahmins' right to the use of the road to the exclusion of untouchables cannot be maintained and that any such right if it existed must be established in a court of law.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Russel Olsen, formerly of the U. S. Steel Products Company, has recently returned to Shanghai from home leave. Mr. Olsen is now a member of the staff of Arkell and Douglass, Incorporated.

Mr. B. W. Fleisher of the Japan "Advertiser" and "Trans-Pacific" of Tokyo, arrived in Shanghai this week on a business trip. Mr. Fleisher plans to spend some time in North China, before returning to Japan. He is stopping at the Majestic Hotel.

Mrs. J. S. Potter, wife of Mr. Potter of the Asia Realty Company, Shanghai, sailed from San Francisco recently in company with her son, expecting to arrive in Shanghai December 19. Mrs. Potter has been in California visiting her parents for the past six months.

Mr. V. Smith, Deputy Postal Commissioner of Hankow, was elected at the last meeting "Worshipful Master of the Far Cathay Lodge for the year 1925. The installation ceremony took place on December 3, F. S. Reynolds officiating. The ceremony was followed by a dinner in the Victoria Hall.

The following new officers were elected at the last meeting of the Hankow Post of the American Legion to serve until April:—Commander: Don Burdick; Vice-Commander: Mr. R. L. Gregory; and Finance Officer, Mr. G. L. Burke. Adjutant Will Storms, and Service Officer Mr. H. H. Braun constitute the balance of the executive committee.

Mr. E. McD. Gale, auditor of the Salt Gabelle, who was formerly stationed in Hankow and Changsha but until recently at Kiri and Heilungkiang, has been transferred back to Hankow. Mr. Gale has made valuable reforms in the salt administration, and holds the rank equivalent to Salt Commissioner.

Definite news has been received that Misses Angeborg, Nyström, and Elizabeth Berglund of the Augustana Synod Mission of Juchow, Honan, have not escaped from Juchow during the recent looting of that city. The other Juchow missionaries have successfully escaped to Kiangsi. Misses Angeborg and Berglund are not molested in Juchow, but are not allowed to leave the city.

Mr. E. F. Aucott has been appointed a member of the Education Board for a period of two years.

The marriage arranged between Frank Nicholls, of Penang, Straits Settlements, and 20, Helena Road, Southsea, and Aileen Newton (nee Barnwell), of Rosemary, Budleigh Salterton, will take place in Colombo early in March.

The name of Mr. Cheah Keng-seng has been added to the Colony's list of persons qualified to practise medicine. Mr. Cheah Keng-seng qualified at the Hongkong University last year as a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery.

Mr. Neilson, chief officer of the Hongkong-West River steamer "Anjou," had a stroke on board his vessel and was put on board the s.s. "Selva" which conveyed him to the Mount Memorial Hospital at Wuchow. On admittance he was still unconscious.

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Mr. E. R. Forward, of Westington Estate, Johore, eldest son of Mr. Edward William Forward, of Croydon, Surrey, and Miss Alice Clarke Newman, of Johore, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Newman, of Chiswick, London.

Lieut.-Col. F. E. Spencer, D. S. O., M. C., Commandant, Straits Settlements Volunteer Force, who is at present in Penang on duty, completes his term of service with the Volunteers on January 15. It is probable that he will be succeeded by Lt.-Col. Postlethwaite of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

The wedding took place in Shanghai on Thursday of Mr. Harry Scott, chief engine draughtsman of the Kowloon Dock, to Miss J. Sinclair, of Dundee. The bride arrived from Home by the P. and O. liner "Macedonia," which passed through Hongkong last week, and she proceeded North for the marriage, as Mr. Scott was in Shanghai on business for the Dock Company. The bridegroom is very well-known in Kowloon, being popular with a large circle of friends, who will extend to him their congratulations on his marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are due back here towards the end of the year.

Sapper R. H. Skelton has been appointed a second lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Rev. Arne Anda, of the Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Sichuan, Honan, who was kidnapped by bandits while travelling from Sichuan to Mateng, is still in captivity, and no word has been had directly from him. He is a young man of thirty and has been in China for about three years.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, the City Chamber of Commerce, Kiangsu Provincial Educational Association, Chinese Bankers' Association, Native Bankers' Guild, Shanghai Peace Maintenance Association, and other organizations jointly arranged a reception in honour of Sir Robert Ho Tung. The function took the form of a tea party held at the General Chamber of Commerce building on Monday.

Among the passengers departing for the North and Japan ports by the "President Pierce" to-day are Miss C. Sandbach of the Military Hospital, to spend Christmas with relatives in Shanghai; Mr. T. Mac-Gee of the American Express Co. to join his firm's Shanghai establishment; Mr. D. Dean of the College of Engineering, University of the Philippines returning to the States accompanied by Mrs. Herman; Mr. D. M. Ross, Mrs. De Vogel and Miss Mol, concert artists bound for San Francisco to fulfil engagements; Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Harper, Miss L. Arnold and Mr. G. D. McArthur.

The Prince of Wales as president of the British Empire Exhibition, has issued a letter warmly thanking all who have been concerned in the organization of the Exhibition. He expresses the hope that the Exhibition is only temporarily closed and that "this great picture of Empire will be further used for the work of educating the peoples of the Empire in the greatness of their heritage." He thinks that all will agree that in a very full measure the Exhibition has attained its purpose, of helping Imperial trade and of fostering a family within the Empire.

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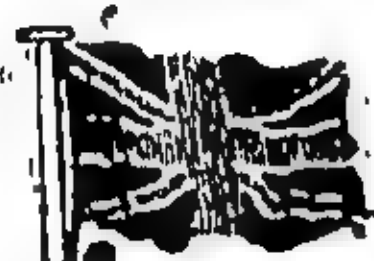
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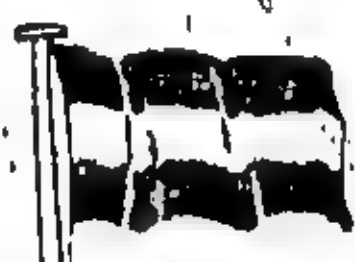
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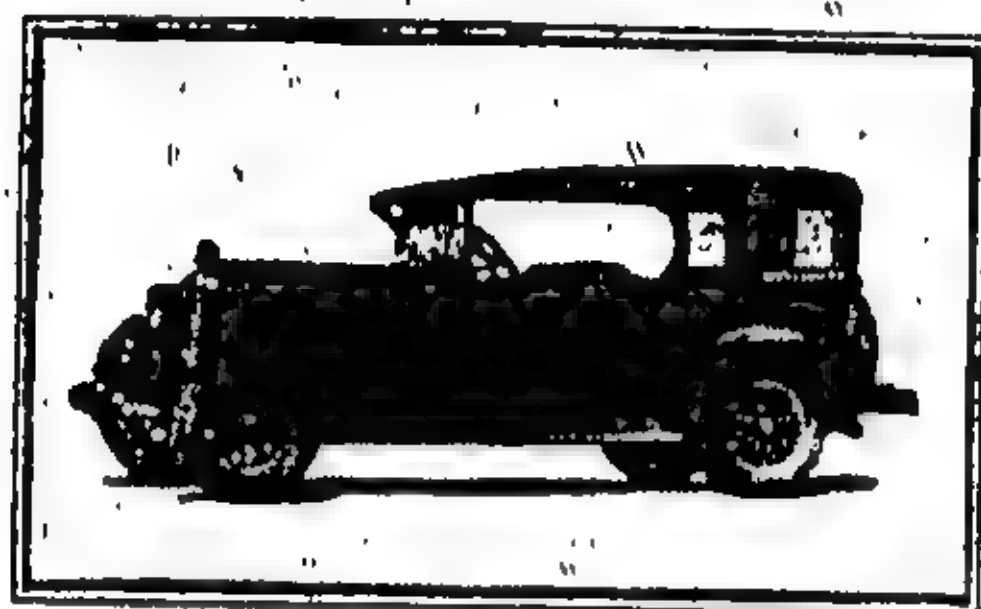
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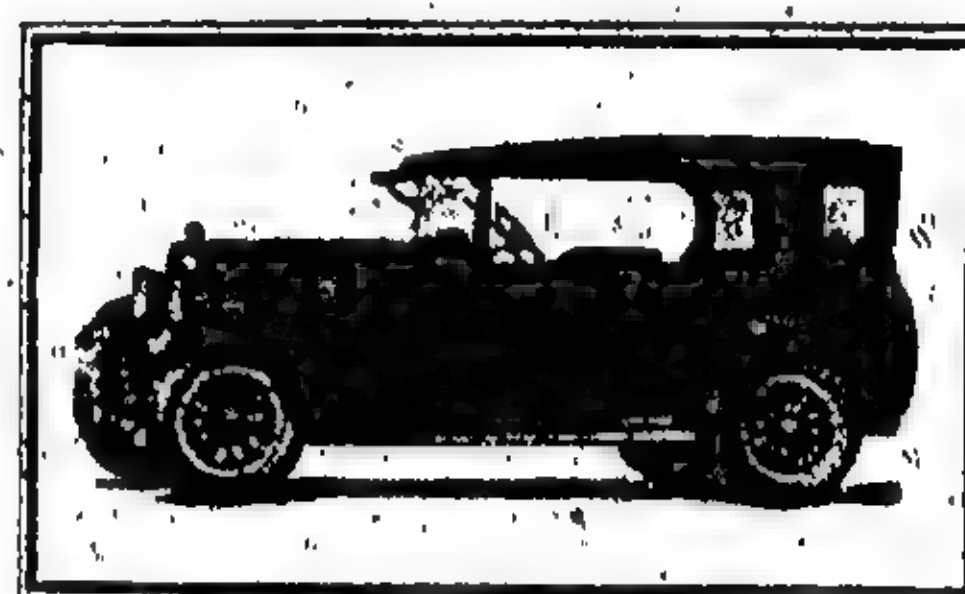
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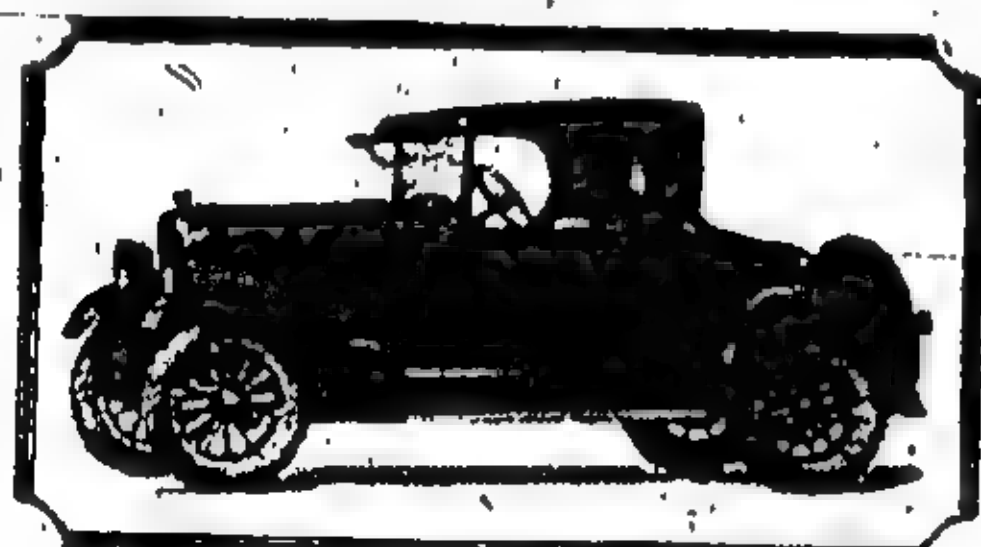
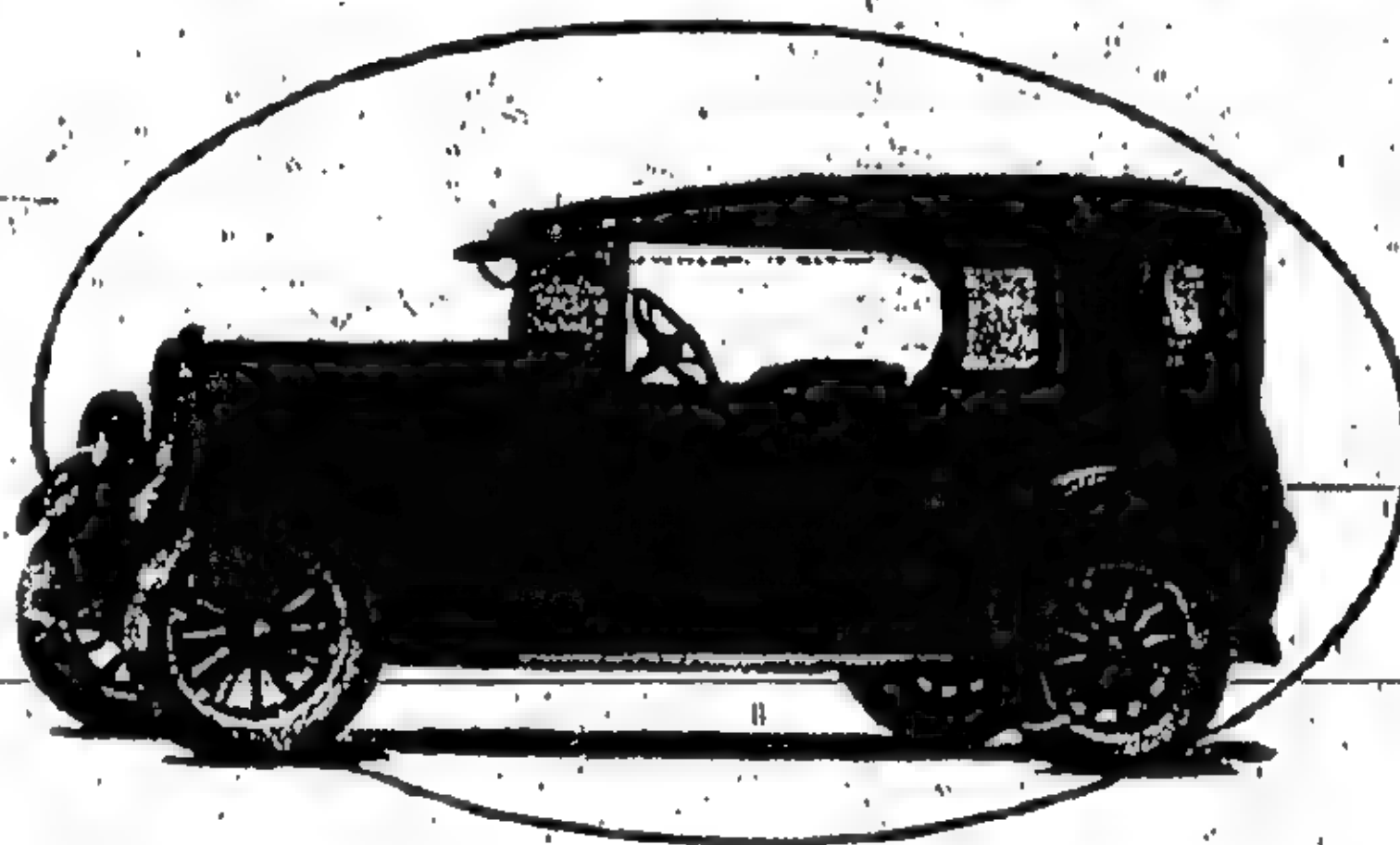
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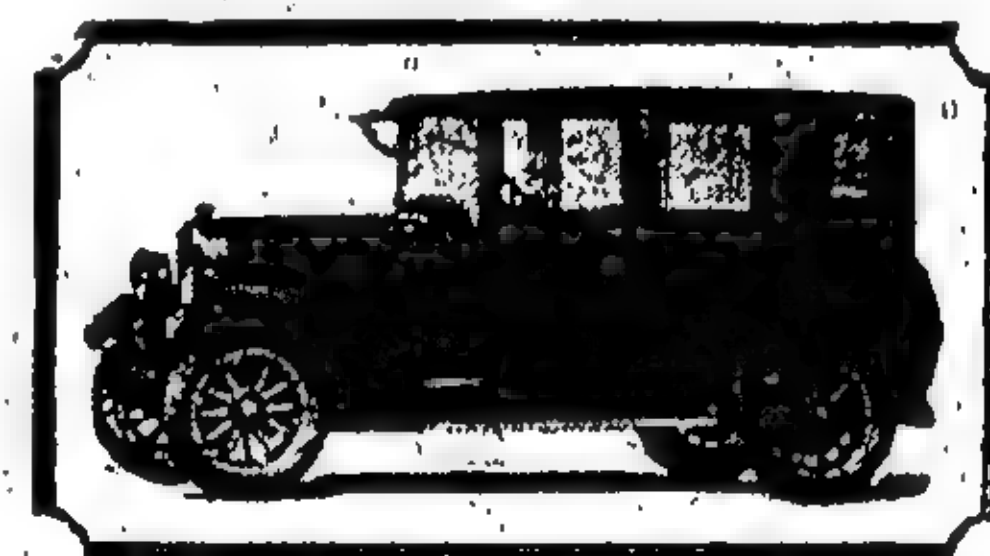
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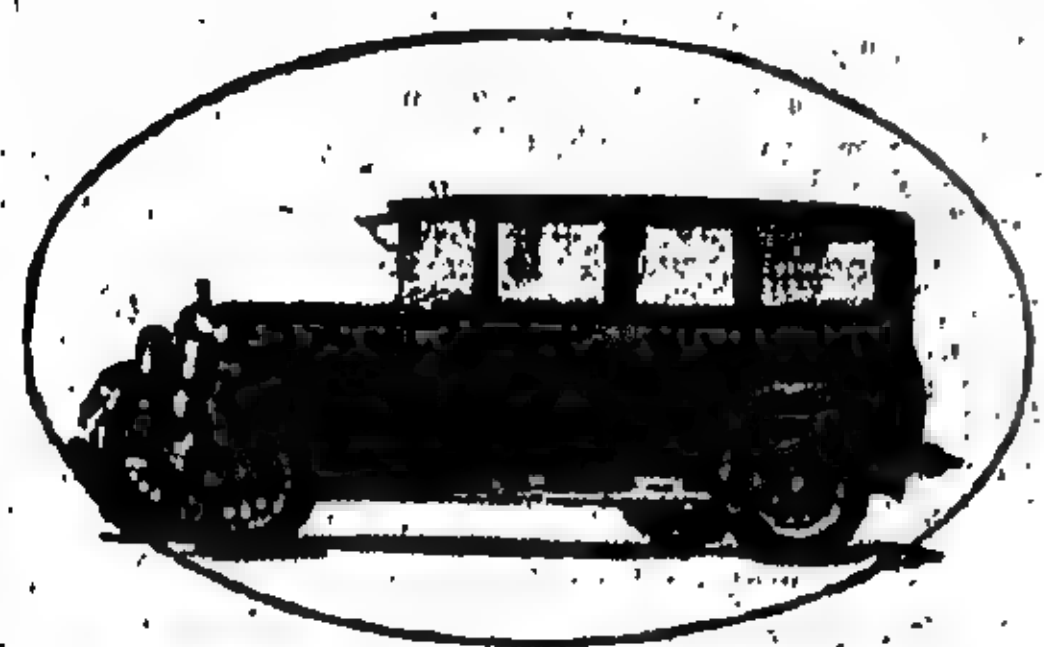
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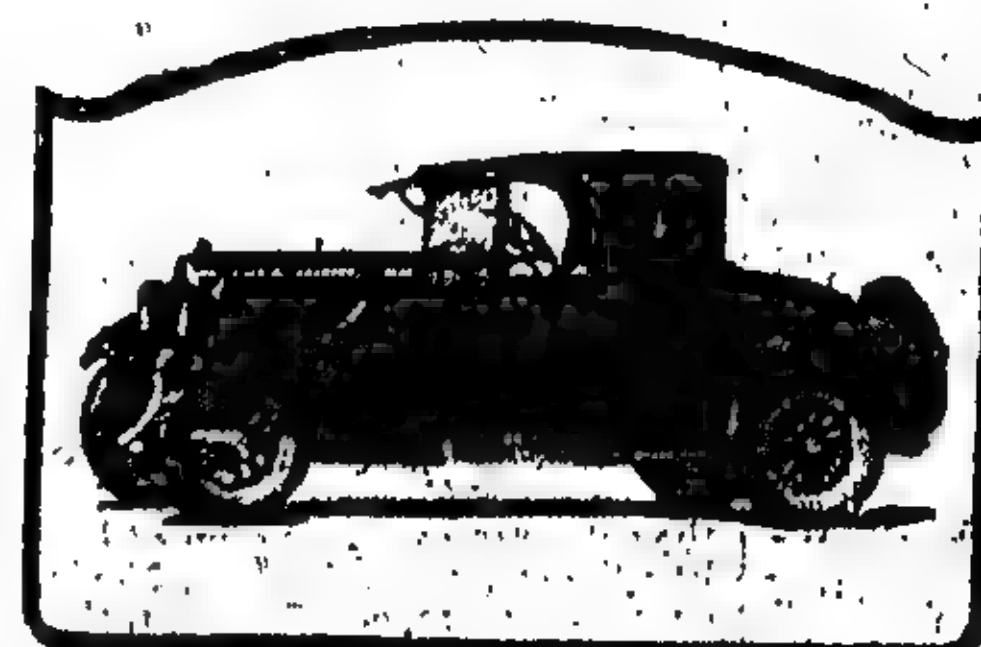
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Sports fashions are all the year-around fashions, but they fall, quite naturally, into seasons, roughly, two, since winter and summer have their individual ways of doing things and a woman to the out-of-door. We have come through the milder days of Indian summer, when skies the colour of the turquoise and trees all crimson, rained and gold, gave us breath-taking prophecy of the snow clad hills and glassy lakes of the winter months; and we are, right now, in the midst of the football season, when packed stands echo to the shouts of enthusiastic football fans. Soon it will be Thanksgiving; then Christmas; and then the social season of sports will be in full swing, full of delight and gaiety, whether it be by the swimming pool or the North, where the frosty air lures the active woman to the more rigorous forms of outdoor exercise. For the long trip over the road for the thrilling football contest, for the game of golf across the links that keep meticulously green; for the hunt, the hike, the cross-country ride; fashion has the costume correct, that maintains the strict code, yet possesses distinction and individuality.

The Fall Resort Season Has Begun. For the woman, who includes in her annual calendar a trip to some autumn or fall resort, the designer has provided a sports wardrobe that keeps to the right requirements of the special sport, but they have dealt lavishly with the matter of variety. Suits, hats, coats, sweaters, hats and gloves—all the fundamentals and all the details have been made ready for her selection, and it would seem that the colours of autumn summer had been caught and imprisoned in the wonderful brown, russet blends; the deep, warm reds and the rich greens that so generally predominate. And there are new combinations of the newest shades of colours that are not new, but are always just as welcome for their loveliness.

While riding, hunting and certain other individual sports call for a costume that has certain limitations, and has, through custom, to be made along certain lines, sports apparel is, for the most part, a matter of ornamental fabrics; gay colours; straight lines and expert tailoring, and this latter characteristic applies even to knit apparel. It must be remembered that the automobile has become a decided and deciding factor in the mode for sports—the latter an exceedingly elastic term, if one becomes at all analytic. The modern woman thinks nothing of jumping into her roadster and driving a score or more of miles for her game of golf, and immediately one sees that what she wears must be correct for the car, as well as for the game.

For general active sports attention centres on the three-piece sports suit that is really nothing more than a knicker costume with a wrap-around skirt added to it. We have, pictured, a knit suit made up of sweater and knicker. It may be originally a three-piece suit, if one takes into consideration the tam-o-shanter cap and it quite easily becomes an outfit that is correct for the car, if a skirt is added. This type of apparel is widely varied, as it would be, naturally, because of its convenience and usability. Such a suit may be of any accredited sports fabric, and may consist of short or long coat—as one prefers knicker and skirt; and, occasionally, a hat of the material, although there is a constantly increasing fondness being shown for the small felt hat.

The trim little straight line dresses that come under the head of sports frocks are made of flannel, rep, homespun, kasha cloth, bengaline, and all the knitted weaves; and they employ a wealth of clever details to make an impressive attractiveness. Occasionally one sees a plaid frock, reflecting the very evident tendency of fashion to alter the straightline silhouette; the plaid has its uses and quite the newest idea is the wide sash belt—placed low, of course—matched by bandings of the leather itself. Plaids are everywhere seen and the little dress that buttons straight up the front, has mannish revers—on which a garden, if you please—and a wide belt is quite the newest interpretation of this fabric mode.

Every Sports Outfit Includes a Coat. Whether it were needed or not—it most certainly is—the wardrobe of the smart sportswoman would most surely include a coat, so very lovely and so satisfying to the swaggar. Upstairs that fashion decries. And it only takes the very smallest excuse for the wardrobe to contain more than one—for the same reason. These coats have an air of suavity, of jauntyness, of supreme confidence in their smartness that makes them irresistible. They come in many novel weaves, especially well-knit, the tapestry fabrics and plaids; and they are in nine cases out of ten—far trimmed, for it is after season, and furs are really useful on coats. Not that furs are not useful artistically, on other garments; but their warmth is agreeable on a wrap or a suit coat.

The sports fashions of the fall and winter seasons make much of the fur coat, especially those of leopard, mink and racoon fur. These are the three most practical furs for the purpose, although one sees coats of the curly furs; of beaver or nutria; of seal, rabbit, squirrel, even ermine, listed as "sports." But the sports coat should be durable, and no one far approximates the first three named when it comes to durability. Leopard skin coats make use of red fur with effective smartness—it is the newest fur fashion; but the mink and racoon coats are frequently content with self collars. And what is newest of all—these coats have muffs to match them, fat little muffs of a most decided, swaggar charm.

Time was, and not so long ago, that time, when knit garments were passed by with a single sentence, if mentioned at all. Not so these days, when knitted outerwear claims a whole department to itself in every smart, up-to-date shop. We now have quite everything in knitwear that we have in other fabrics, and the sweater gives this type of clothes the advantage when it comes to variety. For the truly active sport, like hockey or skating, many cling to the old-fashioned sweater of the coat type—such a sweater is pictured—and along with it goes the knitted cap that will not blow off, but provides warmth, when necessary, and soft, wool gloves that allow freedom, the while they are warm.

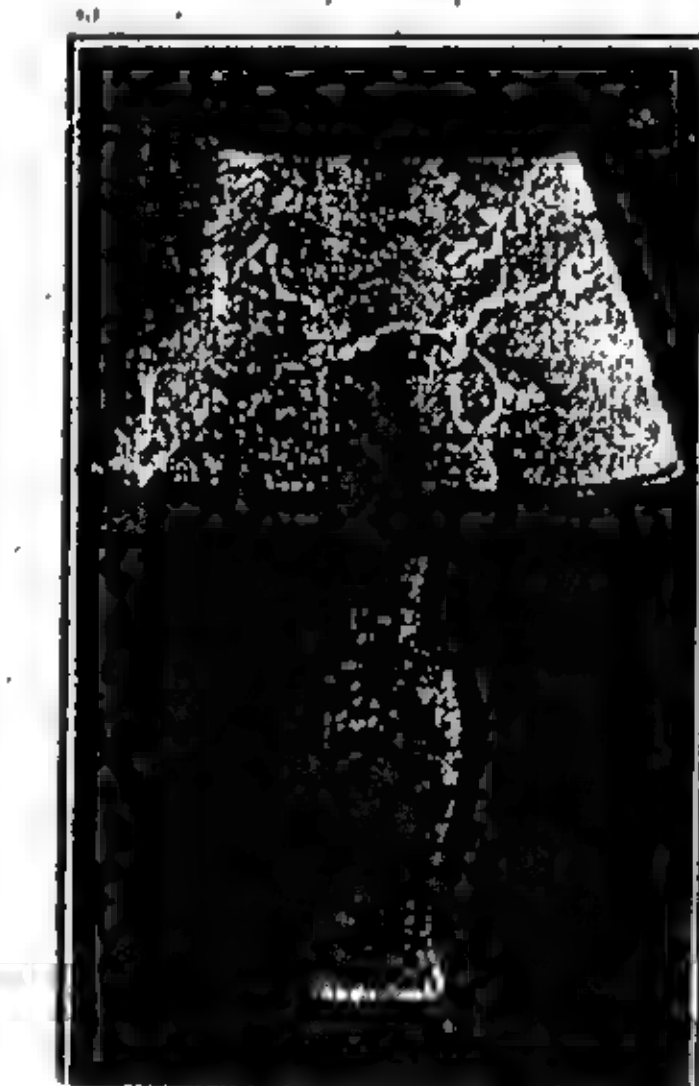
The Knitted Coat Makes Its Appearance. While we have always had the sweater, we have not always had the knitted coat, except as a part of the suit. One has only to look at the pictured model to realise the possibilities of this type of garment, for the coat itself, its trimmings, its fascinating cord, and its "fur" collar and cuffs are all of wool. Brushed wool is often used, although there are other types, besides.



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At times these coats are finger tip length, but the three-quarter length coat is newest. Fur is used on knit garments, but it is really no more effective than sheared wool, which is, of course, much less expensive, and the less one pays for a single garment, the more garments she may have. One will find many uses for the knit coat in her sports wardrobe, for it has a place all its own in the scheme of things.

As would be expected in a season when suits are so prominent, the suit, more especially the three-piece suit, is emphasized. Sometimes it is a skirt, tunic and coat again it is a one-piece dress and coat; but always it is practical and effective. A suit of two pieces is pictured, an excellent example of the practical beauty of this type of attire. Sweater trappings to increase in beauty and variety, many of them being a short coat, others content to be just what they appear. A new idea is the sweater with decorated sleeves, something we have not had before, although we have had the sweater with decorated body and plain sleeves. If a single characteristic were to be applied to the sportswear of the coming season it would be simplicity, although fabrics, colours and trimmings are so richly beautiful that the simplicity is shadowed by them.



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THAT it is now possible to get instructions in the handcraft of butterfly work? It is done with butterflies, flowers and grasses, and many beautiful pieces may be made. A suggestion for Christmas.

THAT it is quite the proper thing, these days, for one's belt and envelope purse to match? It may be of suede—embroidered in metal thread and



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IF MY LADY PLAYS MAH JONGG.

Now come the days when night shuts down early, when evenings are long, when outdoor sports, that lasted well into the evening, have given place to indoor games, that will, if interesting enough, last well into the night. And because everything we do, just now, is touched with a thought of Christmas, and because everything we see is a potential Christmas gift, we combine the ideas of what we shall buy for ourselves with thoughts of what shall we buy for someone else! So great was the enthusiasm for Mah Jongg, the so-called "Game of the Mandarins," through the winter of 1923-4, that many a devoted bridge player forgot the game entirely, and spent her afternoons and evenings punting and chowing and konging.

A set of real Chinese tiles may, easily enough, solve a Christmas problem, and there are many other items—known as accessories to the game—that one may desire for herself, even passing on helpful hints to a friend concerning Christmas, or one may include in her list of Christmas possibilities for friends equally desirous. There are specially constructed tables for the game, that take care of the tiles and the "money," and there are table tops, designed to fit over the bridge table, that take the place of the regular Mah Jongg table. Many of the latter are very decorative, with a real Chinese atmosphere.

If one contemplates a Mah Jongg party, then a trip to an Oriental shop is imperative, for prizes must be in keeping with the game. And what will do for a Mah Jongg prize will make an acceptable Christmas gift. There are infinite possibilities—a bit of pottery; a bronze—if one wishes to be expensive as well as original—an odd incense burner with a package of the Oriental incense; a tinkling windbell; a strip of embroidery; a necklace a bizarre bit of jewelry. One may "kill two birds with one stone," if one likes, and at the same time put in a pleasant and extremely profitable hour in some Eastern shop. For it is certainly true, that eager as we are to be different, and have different favours and prizes for our parties, we go to the usual place and buy the usual thing, when right at our elbow, metaphorically speaking, there are unexplored shops full of unexpected things.



THE ACTIVE SPORTSWOMAN IS ALWAYS PRACTICAL

The Charm of Lighting Accessories

The wise woman shops with a double purpose, these days, when Christmas is but a week away, and when she seeks an article of wearing apparel; an accessory; a bit of house furnishings; she considers for her own purpose and as a solution of one or more of her Christmas gift problems. The fall of the year is notable for home renovating activities, and more than one woman goes shopping for the needed incidental piece of furniture; the lamp; the chair, that will help the new hangings make over the too familiar room. Too little attention is paid to the lamps and the various lighting fixtures in the average home, and too few realize how much a lamp will do for a room, or how thoroughly it will change the whole atmosphere of the place.

The ceiling lights are not enough, if a room is to be homelike. Floor, table and bridge lights—correctly and invitingly placed, and by the former is meant a placement so that they cast an illumination where it is most needed—are as necessary as wall or ceiling lights, for the truly homelike room is not brilliantly lit to its farthest corners, but has intriguing lights and shadows. Life centres about the cheery lamps and the fireplace, and there is a glow in the burning logs that still flickering shadows when the lamps are still unlighted. And there should be candle light, when opportunity offers, for it is becoming—creating shadows from the face as it by magic—and it is artistic. Fire-light, lamp light, candle light—these three.

And all three pre-suppose certain Christmas gifts—decorative accessories; candle sticks and candleabra; and one of the many types of lamps that are

THE UNUSUAL GIFT FINDS A WELCOME

Every Christmas gift list includes a name or two against which it becomes increasingly difficult each year to set down some worthy or satisfactory article. It may be that the recipient is very decided in her tastes; has everything her heart could desire—and more; or is, notably, hard to please. For her it must be something she has not, and that something unusual, there is to be a feeling of satisfaction and pleasure in the giving. It is poetically true that the will and not the gift makes the giver; it is equally true that "giving requires good sense, no less a person than Ovid our authority. And there is an element of tragedy in the unwanted and useless gift that not even the goodwill of the giver can wholly take away.

Finding the unusual gift is not so simple, but when it is found, one is fully repaid. It is hidden, perhaps, in an art shop; in the special sections of the shop that specializes in glass and fine china; in an out-of-the-way gift shop that is so small that it has to depend on its originality for its success. But it exists—this gift unusual, if you will but be patient. In a very general way we make suggestions—a telephone directory cover of tapestry, in blue, red and gold, to cover the ugliness of the book itself; a long, low, flower container—oblong in shape, for the window sill; a wall basket in rich colourings for growing ferns. And for the invalid who gets pleasure from the ordinary incidents of routine life, there is a most amusing egg container of Spanish majolica, shaped like a flat dish with a depression in the centre. A set of these could be given as housewife, matched by an oil bottle and a bowl with four black handles.

And odd cigarette box of black glass, has a trim of white gold, which gives the effect of silver; brass, book ends take on the guise of a full-sized sailing vessel—appropriate for the man who loves adventure stories; a Chinese tea-pot for the lover of tea; with a package of real Chinese tea in a gay, red Chinese package, would make a fragrant and unusual Christmas gift, and not every boudoir table holds accessories as charming as the trifles of a scent-bottle and powder-box of Venetian glass in blue and rose, with nose-gayd tops and stoppers, with gay debutante, or the young matron would rejoice, no matter how full her costume jewelry casket might be, in an etched pendant or plaque of onyx, crystal or topaz.

For the heavy-headed flowers that come at certain times of the year there are never enough jars and jardinières—such a gift will go into instant use for Christmas blossoms, especially if it be a piece of Dresden pottery, which comes in a generous range of colourings—dull yellow; powdery gray; soft mauve; gentian blue; spruce or bayberry green—selected apparently for their sureness of harmony with many different flowers. There should be nothing "loverly" or surer of acceptance than a two-handled water jar, an urn-shaped vase, or a shallow bowl of this ware, especially if set kept in mind the colour scheme of

empty space on a console table or cabinet why not an old pharmacy jar, all cool yellows and blues over run with images of luscious fruits—pears, pomegranates, peaches and grapes. It might, later, be made into a lamp base. If the home of the recipient is furnished in some particular manner, there are interesting possibilities, since shops that specialize in furnishings can help with advice in the choice of a piece of pottery or some other accessory. Modern Spanish pottery, copies of old Talavera designs; French and Italian peasant pottery; Majolica ware, from the little hill town of Durruti, Italy; black Capri ware; Wilton pottery, made in Stoke-on-Trent, England, the patterns reproductions of old Chinese designs of the Ming and Ching periods, all these and many more await your choice to give the needed touch of personality to a friend's library or living room. There are unusual gifts in abundance—seek them out.



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The return of the mink to fashion has brought a charming new novelty. It takes the form of an ostrich feather, with much to match—both in colour and in texture. For the

NEW JOCKEY CLUB RULES.



Mr. F. Sutton, Honorary Clerk of the Course, who, in conjunction with Lieut.-Col. Hall Brutten and Mr. C. B. Brown, is on the Committee of the H.K.J.C., which is drafting the new rules.

HONGKONG AVIATOR STARTLES MANILA CROWDS.



Mr. H. A. Abbott (left), well-known Hongkong aviator, photographed with his machine in Manila where he carried out some sensational stunts hundreds of feet above the ground.

JOCKEY SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBER.



Lieut.-Col. Hall Brutten, Steward of the Hongkong Jockey Club, who is a member of the sub-committee drafting new rules for the H.K.J.C.

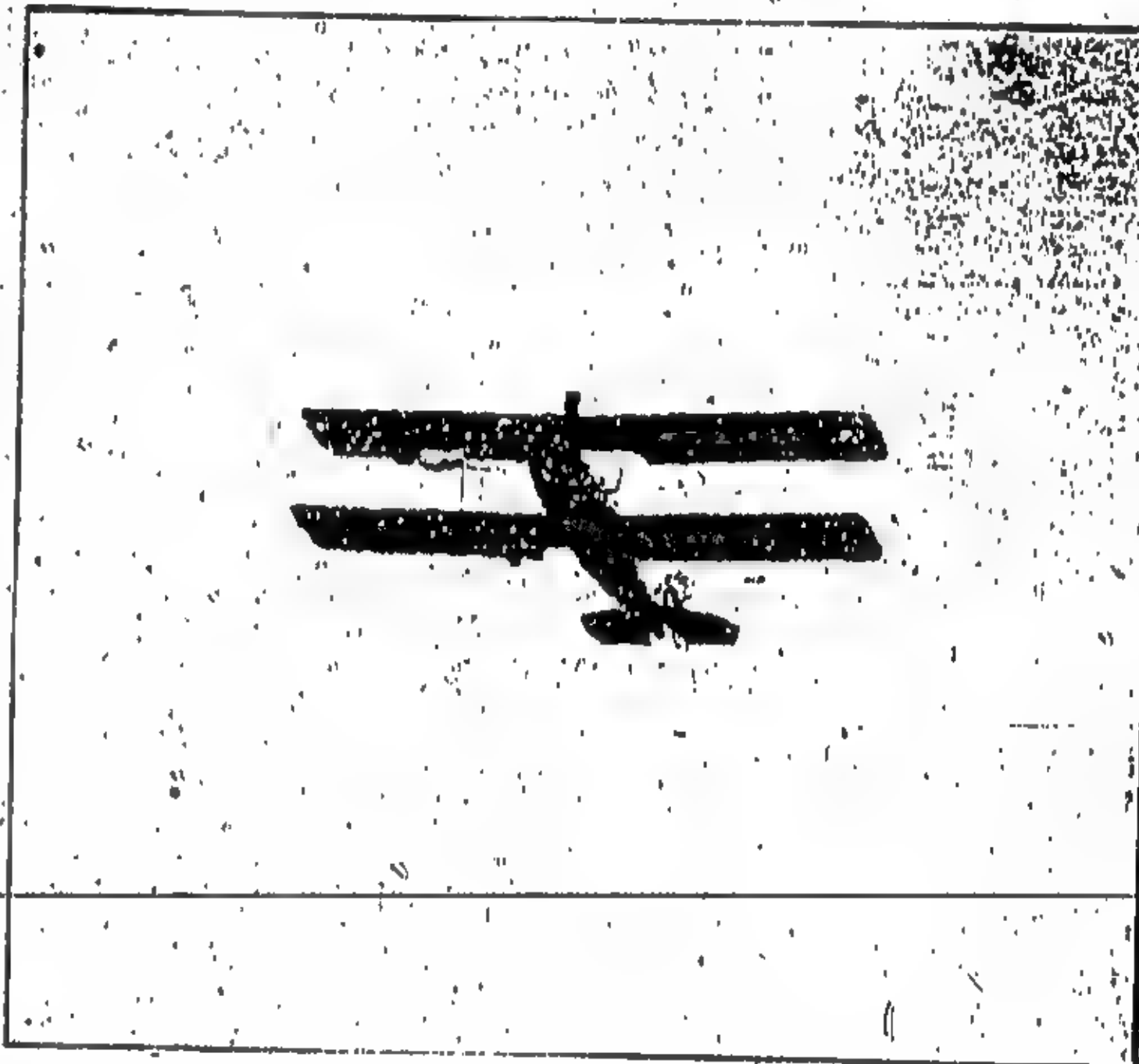
MONDAY'S INTERESTING KOWLOON WEDDING.



Photo by Mee Fong.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Lawrence Becker and Miss Elizabeth Evelyn Lindblom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay. The bride was given away by Mr. H. A. Allen. The bridesmaids were the Misses Emily Landolt and Lily Carr. Mr. W. J. White discharged the duties of "best man." Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. O. Becker, at No. 11, Orient Buildings, Kowloon. The attendance included Mrs. O. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Lindblom, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. C. Frith, Miss T. Bolt, Mrs. Kiley, Miss E. K. Walters, Mrs. Macmider, Mrs. Rosselett, Mrs. Broadbridge, Misses Emily Landolt and Lily Carr, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Messrs. J. Landolt, H. Landolt, W. J. White, J. Landolt, Jr., F. N. W. Doodha, and many others.

DARE-DEVIL FEATS IN THE AIR.



Mr. H. A. Abbott, Hongkong's dare-devil aviator, performing perilous feats in the air at Manila.

PRETTY PEAK CHURCH WEDDING.



Photo by Mee Fong.

The Peak Church was tastefully decorated on Monday on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Alma Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. F. Grant, of Foshow, to Mr. J. L. Parren, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. H. Parren of Ipswich, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. H. Conley-Moyle. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Mr. Granville Murray, was attended by Miss Barbara King as bridesmaid. Mr. J. H. Crutch was best man.

HONGKONG SHIPPING MAN'S WEDDING.



Photo by Mee Fong.

The wedding took place at the church, on Monday, of Mr. George W. Sellars, C.A., of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sellars, and Miss Isabel White Hamilton, of Glasgow, who arrived in Hongkong by the "Cedonia." A reception was subsequently held at "Craig Rynie" present as Master of Honour and Miss V. T. Galloway attended the bride as bridesmaid. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie gave the bride away; Mr. A. M. Howat was "best man" and Mr. A. Ritchie groomsmen.

FAMOUS ITALIAN BARITONE.



Coming to the Colony next week is a famous Italian Baritone, Signor Giulio Roconi, who will give a concert in the Star Theatre, on Monday night, December 22, assisted by Mr. Harry Oro at the piano. Signor Roconi is a student of Cologne. He is creator of the leading baritone roles in Meyerbeer's "L'Africaine," Verdi's "Otello," and other famous operas.

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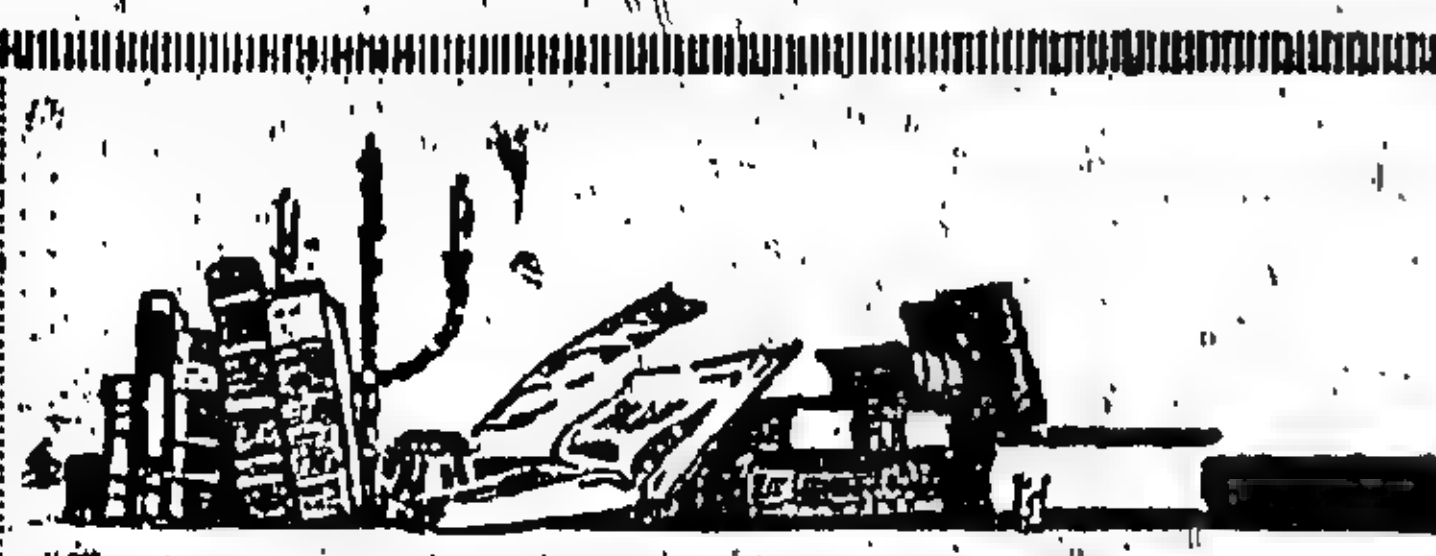
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BOOKS

AUTHORS' SECRETS.

VOGUE OF ANONYMITY.

The "Gentleman with a Duster," whose sharp slaps with the handle end of his implement have provoked painful gasps, is alarming to his victims chiefly because they cannot see where the slaps come from, says an Australian writer. In publishing anonymously he is reviving a practice formerly common and now apparently returning to favour. Several of the cleverest books of the year bear no name on the title-page; for example, "Hunch, Pounce, and Jowl" (a study of New York Jewry), "Letters of an Unsuccessful Actor," and "Gone Native."

The writer who makes a name, though using none, is a temptation to impostors. Even Disraeli, no doubt unaware, owed the acceptance of his first novel to the publisher's belief that it was the work of Plumer Ward, the anonymous author of "Tremaine," which our grandmothers considered a masterpiece. Disraeli received three times as much as the publisher would have paid if he had known the author's name.

Bulwer Lytton chose a disguise in publishing his first novel, "Palkland." His next, "Pelham," was very successful, and it was soon discovered that, in the words of Lockhart, "Pelham" is written by a Mr. Bulwer, a Norfolk squire and horrid puppy. Lytton took delight in mystification, and after "The Last Days of Pompeii" and the rest of the famous series had been attributed to his versatile pen, he decided to make discovery more difficult by dispensing with the ordinary title. Accordingly, as "Pisistratus Caxton," he followed "The Caxtons" with a tale

which he called simply "My Novel."

Dickens began to write as "Boz," taking a family pet name for his pseudonym. Even "Oliver Twist" was credited to Boz. "Timothy Sparks" was another of his disguises. Thackeray wore the mask of "Michael Angelo Titmarsh," and had no success under his own name until "Vanity Fair" brought him sudden fame.

William Frideaux Courtney, an English bibliographer, collected in "The Secrets of Our National Literature," a mass of curious data concerning anonymous literature, and discussed many famous books whose authors he acknowledged it only when success was assured. "Tom Brown's School-days" was published in 1857 as "by an Old Boy." "Tom Brown at Oxford" was much less popular as a novel of university life than "Verdant Green," whose author, the Rev. Edward Bradley, disguised himself as "Cuthbert Bede." He was a graduate of Oxford, but of Durham, where the Cathedral has the patron saints of Cuthbert and Bede.

It has been suggested that Thomas Hardy should place after his name not O. M., but G. O. M., signifying Grand Old Man of English Letters. His name in 1874 was not considered likely to assist the success of "Far from the Madding Crowd." Mr. Courtney related that Sir Leslie Stephen had been told that the anonymous "Under the Greenwood Tree" was by Thomas Hardy. He accordingly wrote to the young Dorchester architect for a novel for the "Cornhill Magazine," and the first section of "Far from the Madding Crowd" appeared in January, 1874. A rumour that it was the work of George Eliot, published

anonymously in order to test the reality of her reputation, brought the tale into notice. "The Spectator" declared that the novel in conception and composition showed irrefutable evidence that George Eliot was the author. Naturally enough Hardy abandoned the anonymity when the novel was published in full.

It cost Charles Lutwidge Dodgson almost as much trouble to find a pseudonym as to write "Alice in Wonderland." He was a Christ-church don when he began to write for "The Train" magazine (1856-58). He constructed ingenious variations of his Christian names, but finally took the variants "Carolus" and "Ludovicus," and thus arrived at Lewis Carroll.

There was much speculation as to the identity of "Fiona Macleod," who never allowed himself to receive directly the applause which his Celtic tales evoked. It was not till his death in 1905 that the public learnt that the author owned the unromantic name of William Sharp.

"The Cardinal's Snuff Box" is popular enough to appear in cheap editions. Its author, Henry Harland, had earned the reputation of being "lurid" by work published under the pseudonym of "Sidney Laska," and he therefore thought it advisable to use another for his simple story of the Cardinal.

Fame cares now so little for Southey that it is astonishing to find him adopting extraordinary devices to escape his celebrity. He published anonymously the first five volumes of "The Doctor," and immediately began to confuse the literary world with misleading letters. He wrote to people who would be likely to talk of the matter, discussing the work and making various guesses as to its authorship. He pretended, for example, that he would have attributed it to the younger Disraeli if it had been "more objectionable and offensive on the score of personalities." It is amusing to find him suggesting Frere, because the latter had the necessary "wit, the humour, and knowledge, and the consummate mastery of style." The necessary "wit, the humour, the knowledge," but denies Southey the other qualities. Milman solved the enigma by remembering that he had heard Southey tell one of the stories in "The Doctor."

The most famous disguise in

literary history dates from 1844, when "Waverley, or 'Tis Sixty Years Since,'" was published. It had been begun in 1805, and the "sixty years" went back to 1745. Scott had twice laid the work aside, on the advice of William Erskine and John Ballantyne. "Waverley's" success was so extraordinary that the words "by the author of Waverley" were soon an irresistible bait to the public. The quest of the author's name was so keenly pursued that the secret was not kept for long. Yet as late as 1856 the novels were attributed to Thomas Scott, whose claim was championed by W. J. Fitzpatrick, an Irish biographer, in two pamphlets, which were supported by a Lancashire antiquarian.

Tennyson's first poems were published anonymously, in 1827, as "Poems by Two Brothers." He returned to this practice when "In Memoriam" came out 23 years later. His friend, Edward Fitzgerald, also disclaimed his own name in publishing his first work, "Euphrasian, a Dialogue on Youth" (1851). Some years later he sent his "Omar Khayyam" to "Frazer's Magazine," in whose office it lay for a year. Fitzgerald then took it from the publisher and had it printed at his own expense by Bernard Quaritch (February 15, 1859). Quaritch tried to sell it at 2/6, and then at 1/. Finally most of the copies found their way to the penny box outside the shop door. Fitzgerald had no need to print a second edition till 1868. Now, of course, there is probably no work so constantly reprinted.

Lack of a signature did not always mean lack of profit. When Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, decided to justify to posterity her intrigues at the court, she employed Nathaniel Hooke, a cleric with a facile pen, to write an "Account of the Conduct of the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough." She had herself lifted out of bed, dictated for six hours, without notes, to Hooke, and on the anonymous publication of the book rewarded him with £5,000.

The secret of the "Letters of Junius" has never been positively decided. It is just possible, however, that some subtle commentator will discover a cryptogram as obvious as that of Gail, whose "Wandering Jew" had a great vogue a century ago. The opening letters of the sentences of its "Conclusion" from the words "This book was written by John

THE AGE OF THE STORY.

It is possible to miss the plain fact that the age of Dickens and Morris was the great age of the story, as Edgar Allan Poe somewhere says that we miss the biggest signs over the front of the shops. For the term story includes both the novel and the romance. The eighteenth century had the novel, but it had the romance only during its latter half. The two preceding centuries had the Arcadia and its following, and also a broken line of poetic stories, some of great power and beauty, from Hero and Leander to Theodore and Hönoria; but the novel was nascent. Compared with the age of Scott, the ampler mass and range of the novel in the later period, after 1850, may be thought to weight the scale. And it is not only the age of the story, but the story is its best product unless the lyric be a rival; for the line of lyric from Tennyson to the present Laureate compares with the line from Spenser to Henry Vaughan. But the drama, the long speculative poem, are not such in the age of Tennyson and Rossetti as to compare with the story; and one of the kinds, the dramatic monologue, implicitly contains a story. The time is rich in eloquent and coloured prose, and in essay and criticism, but these last are not primary imaginative forms, like the story; and cannot rival it. The writers in question are all poets, and they are all tellers; they have the gift that comes and goes as capriciously as the poetic gift. These two gifts are always getting divorced and always reuniting, and their ties are worthy of notice. Oliver Elton, in "A Sheaf of Papers,"

Gail: Most people know that "Joseph Conrad" masks a Polish name, though they cannot remember Teodor. Josef Konrad Korzeniowski. Few, on the other hand, even after the exploits of Gabriele d'Annunzio, on and over land and sea, are aware that he casts his vote (if he ever designs to do so) as Signor Rapagnetta.

CONCLUSIONS.

Not far from the spot where I write, I first read Chaucer's "Flower and Leaf," and was charmed with that young beauty, shrouded in her bower, and listening with ever-fresh delight to the repeated song of the nightingale close by her—the impression of the scene, the vernal landscape, the cool of the morning, the gushing notes of the songstress,

And ayen methought she sung close by mine ear,

is as vivid as if it had been of yesterday; and nothing can persuade me that that is not a fine poem. I do not find this impression conveyed in Dryden's version, and therefore nothing can persuade me that that is as fine. I used to walk out at this time with Mr. and Miss Lamb of an evening, to look at the Claude Lorraine skies over our heads melting from azure into purple and gold, and to gather mushrooms, that sprung up at our feet, to throw into our hashed mutton at supper. I was at that time an enthusiastic admirer of Claude, and could dwell for ever on one or two of the finest prints from him hung round my little room; the fleecy flocks, the bending trees, the winding streams, the groves, the nodding temples, the air-wave hills, and distant sunny vales; and tried to translate them into their lovely living hues. People then told me that Wilson was much superior to Claude; I did not believe them. Their pictures have since been seen together at the British Institution, and all the world have come into my opinion. I have not, on that account, given it up. I will not compare our hashed mutton with Amelia's; but it put us in mind of it, and led to a discussion, sharply reasoned and well sustained, till midnight, the result of which appeared some years after in the "Edinburgh Review." Have I a better opinion of those criticisms on that account, or should I therefore maintain them with greater vehemence and tenaciousness? Oh no! Both rather with less; now that they are before a public, and it is for them to make their election. It is in looking back to such

FORMOSA.

There can be no disputes as to the justice of having named the chief stopping-places between Japan and the Philippines "Ilha Formosa." Even from the sea it is a beautiful island; no visitors, except those foolish enough to content themselves with a journey along its tame, railway-linked western (land) side, will be likely to forget in one brief lifetime its magnificent interior. Once it has decided, not far inland, to take to the clouds, Formosa rises very abruptly from the western foot-hills, range, after ranges of blue mountains, their tops most often covered with clouds, the highest of them topped with snow in midwinter, vying with one another in their excited upward climb until they culminate in Niitakayama, known to the outside world as Mount Morrison. This giant of the Japanese Empire rears its head, though rarely showing it to the world below, more than thirteen thousand feet above the sea, on which it can look down in almost any direction. Many of its neighbours have an elevation of more than ten thousand feet. Then, as if their ambition for climbing had suddenly subsided, the ranges drop precipitously down to where the blue waters of the Pacific lap the solitary crags beneath. The cliffs on the east coast of Formosa are reputed to be the most headlong in the world, towering in places a sheer six thousand feet from the water's edge—Harry A. Franck in "Glimpses of Japan and Formosa."

scenes that I draw my best consolation for the future. Later impressions come and go, and serve to fill up the intervals; but there are my standing resources, my true classics. As to my speculations, there is little to admire in them but my admiration of others; and whether they have an echo in time to come or not, I have learned to set a grateful value on the past, and am content to wind up the account of what is personal only to myself and the immediate circle of objects in which I have moved, with an act of easy oblivion.

And curtain close such scene from every future view. —Tasliit, in "A Farewell to Essay Writing."

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Jane Novak deserves success because she took her work seriously, and because she did not care to succeed sensationally. She would never play a part that typified other than fine, clean womanhood. And, despite the many temptations of big money and big parts, she refused to deviate from the course. As a result her progress was "slow but sure." Other girls who started later and didn't care, became sensational successes overnight in vampire or salamanter rôle. And they disappeared almost as quickly.

Miss Novak has achieved her earlier successes on the screen opposite such notable actors as Charles Ray, William S. Hart, House Peters, Hobart Bosworth, Tom Moore, Lewis Stone and the

like. Then, through her many characterizations as leading woman in James Oliver Curwood stories, she became known as the "outdoors girl of the screen." Notable among these were her rôles in Selig's "Kazan," George Davis's "Isobel," the Marshall Neilan production, "The River's End," and three Chester Bennett directed offerings, "Belle of Alaska," "Colleen of the Pines," and "Snowshoe Trail."

A roster of productions in her repertoire include Clune's "Eyes of the World," "The Tiger Man," and "Selfish Yates," with William S. Hart; Thomas H. Ince's "String Beans," "A Nine o'Clock Town," and "Wagon Tracks," Haworth's "Temple of Dusk," "His Debt," a Robertson-Cole production, "Famous Players' "Behind the Door," Goldwyn's "Great Accident," and "Roads of Destiny," the Pioneer production, "The Barbarian," the Hodgkinson production, "The Other Woman," and Selig-Rork production, "The Rosary."

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CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA STARTS WELL IN FIRST TEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

SYDNEY, December 19. The first test match between Australia and England was commenced at the Cricket Ground to-day in glorious weather. The attendance numbered 34,000. The wicket was in perfect condition. Australia won the toss and Collins, the Australian captain, went to the crease, accompanied by Warren Bardsley. Stumps were drawn when the score stood at three wickets for 282 runs.

Scores: W. Bardsley, c Woolley b Freeman 21. H. L. Collins, c Hendren b Tate 114. H. Ponsford, b Gilligan 110. A. Richardson, not out 21. J. M. Taylor, not out 15. Extras 15. Total for three wickets 282. Both batsmen started cautiously and runs came slowly. Bardsley's dismissal came after the score had reached 46 for one wicket. He batted for 51 minutes. The first hour's batting produced 55 runs. At the lunch adjournment the score-board showed one wicket for 72 runs. Collins and Ponsford batted steadily and confidently, though when he had scored 42 Collins was badly missed by Hendren. Collins was out when the total had reached 236. His partnership with Ponsford was responsible for 190 runs, which is a record second wicket partnership for matches between Australia and England. Collins gave a display of careful batting. He was at the crease 235 minutes, and hit nine fours. On returning to the pavilion he was afforded a great ovation. Ponsford's wicket fell at 275. He played a sound innings scoring all round the wicket. He took 228 minutes to score his 110 runs. His score included eight fours. He has added his name to the distinguished list of those who scored a century in their first test match. The ground fielding, notably that of Chapman and Gilligan was good, but the catching was faulty. Tate was the best of the English bowlers.

OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE.

The local fixture between Oxford and Cambridge, played on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon, ended in a draw after an exciting finish.

Scores: Oxford. J. E. Warner, c Galloway, b Severn 0. A. B. Wood, not out 78. A. S. Hett, b Severn 13. T. B. Powell, c Nicholl b Hamilton 13. D. N. Gowler, c Pendered, b Hamilton 0. H. R. Phillips, b Severn 34. R. E. O. Bird, b Nicholson 36. A. F. Hamilton, c Pendered, b Hamilton 2. N. L. Smith, not out 0. Extras 11. Total (8 wickets dec.) 176.

I. Wynne-Jones and R. H. L. Gompertz did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxford. O. M. R. W. Severn 10 1 38 3. Hamilton 14 1 54 3. Quick 5 0 25 0. Wallington 4 0 22 0. Pendered 3 0 12 0. Nicholson 6 2 14 1. Cambridge. E. K. Quick, c Gowler, b Powell 77. L. Alexander, b Gowler 7. L. Wauchope, run out 50. H. G. Wallington, c Gowler, b Bird 5. W. Nicholson, c Gowler, b Powell 5. T. D. Pendered, c Smith, b Powell 4. L. Ollerhead, not out 2. J. H. B. Nicholl, not out 0. Extras 23. Total (for 6 wickets) 173. W. Galloway, E. W. Hamilton and Sir C. Severn did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxford. O. M. R. W. Bird 7 0 24 1. Powell 12 1 61 3. Gowler 4 0 15 1. Warner 1 0 12 0. Jones 2 0 20 0. Hett 7 0 20 0.

LAWN BOWLS.

A lawn bowls match is to take place this afternoon at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, when the home club, will entertain a Hongkong Scottish team. The match is due to start at 2.45 p.m., tea will be served and spoons will be presented to the winning team. A most enjoyable function is expected. The Scottish team will consist of the following:—Rink No. 1—Messrs. Adams, Russell, Morrison and Drummond (skip). Rink No. 2—Messrs. Hazel, O'Leary, Keith and Gow (skip). Rink No. 3—Messrs. Fletcher, Jamieson, McTavish and McFarlane (skip). Rink No. 4—Messrs. Wylie, Ross, Fraser and Ramsay (skip). The reserves are:—Messrs. Johnston, Davidson and Hyde.

CHURCH NOTES.

CHRISTMAS.

As the Epistle for Christmas Day expresses it, "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." The long painful discipline is ended. The revelation in types and symbols, in part and in measure, has passed away. Jesus came as the final and absolute revelation on that first Christmas morning. All others who had spoken in His Name and declared His Will were but messengers who by preliminary disciplines should prepare men's hearts for this final revelation. And those leaders of other religions had but prepared the way, Buddha and Zoroaster, these too, had a mission like that of John the Baptist. But Jesus is the unveiling of the Father's full glory, the manifestation of His high and holy name, the laying bare of the opulent love of His heart. He who in an intimacy of mind and heart which was complete dwelt in the excellent glory of God, came forth into the world to unveil before the eyes of men the purity and pity, the solicitude and sympathy, the love and the sacrifice of God. All the scattered rays of light are focussed in Him. He is the world's Sun, lighting every man that ever came into the world, but in these last days standing out in acknowledged and radiant glory, the unique and lonely Revealer of the Father. The very voice of the Lord God hath spoken unto us in Jesus the Saviour.

What then, and who is Jesus Christ? He is the meeting of the Divine and human—the presence of God in humanity, the perfection of humanity in God: the Divine made human, the human shown to be capable of union with the Divine; the utterance therefore of the nearness and the Love of God, and of the possibility of man. Once in the ages came the wondrous life, once in the stretch of history the face of Jesus shone in Palestine, and His feet left their blessed impress upon the earth; but what that life made manifest had been for ever true.

Its truth was timeless, the truth of all eternity. The love of God, the possibility of man these two which made the Christhood—these two, not two but one, had been the element in which all life was lived, all knowledge known, all growth attained. And so the message of Christmas is that once and for all earth and heaven have been clamped indissolubly together in ties of human flesh and blood. And the Christian realises that just as Christ of Old came down and made His abode in a manger, so He is ever seeking to come and dwell in the heart of man.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH.

So the Lord of all things, Caring for His own Even for the small things Left His golden throne Down the mystic stairway To the bourne of earth, Of the womb of Mary By a human birth. Came the Sun of Healing Above human ken, All His might concealing From the sons of men.

That He might precede them Out of pain and strife Head them, join them, teach them, lead them Into fuller life.

For the life diurnal Waxeth old and dim Love and life eternal, Rest alone in Him.

All is in the story How the Christ brought good In a costly crimson glory Of His Brotherhood. —J. W. TAYLOR.

CHURCH NOTES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, December 2nd at 1924.

4th Sunday in Advent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Children's Service. 11 a.m. Matins. Evensong. Rev. T. B. Powell. Subject: Heaven. 12 Noon Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. J. J. Northcott, O. F. Subject: What think ye of Christ? Christmas Day 1924. 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins. Anthem: O Thou that bringest Good Tidings (H. del). 12 Noon. Holy Communion.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road, Below Bowen Road, Tsim Sha Tsui. Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Week-day, 8.30 p.m. Bowling from open Tuesday and Friday mornings 10 to 12.

ADJOURNMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS' HOLIDAY.

UNEMPLOYMENT TANGLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 20. The House of Commons has adjourned until February 10, 1925. Unemployment Issue. Before the adjournment, Lieut. Col. W. Guinness, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, replying to Mr. D. M. Graham (General Secretary of the Lanarkshire Miners County Union and Labour, M.P. for Hamilton) who raised the question of unemployment, mentioned that hitherto there had been a disappointing response to the scheme for carrying out the resolution of the Imperial Economic Conference under which Government would give up to three-quarters of the interest during the development period for any public utility scheme in the Dominions or Colonies where there was genuine anticipation. Hitherto, only two applications had been made from the Dominions and both refused because no anticipation was shown. But that did not mean that nothing would come of the scheme in future, because inevitably it took a long time for the distant Dominions to understand the facilities offered.

Export Credit Extended. Mr. A. M. Samuel, Parliamentary Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, stated Government had decided to extend the export credit scheme to India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements and Hongkong. Government considered banking facilities were enough for short-term contracts. He pointed out these facilities had previously been withheld on account of the repudiation of orders for textile goods after the slump, but the channel as regards textiles was now reopened.

JAPAN AND PACIFIC.

BARON KATO'S VIEWS RE SINGAPORE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, December 19. Referring to the Singapore scheme at a banquet of the Seiyukai party, the Premier, Baron Kato, said: "We cannot, as individual Japanese, entertain any sentiment of satisfaction." According to Press reports, the Premier declared that while, as an individual Japanese, he did not welcome the construction of the Singapore base, he was of opinion that as the base had been contemplated for twenty years past, and was also outside the scope of the Washington Treaty, its construction was inevitable. The British authorities had given their assurance that the base was purely a national affair, not intended to influence international relations. Japan, therefore, must watch future developments.

Regarding the American naval manoeuvres, Baron Kato said the American Government fully explained to Tokyo the motives and circumstances of the manoeuvres. Further, with a view to removing misunderstandings existing among certain sections of the Japanese people, it was proposed that the American fleet should visit Yokohama after the manoeuvres, which proposal Japan regretfully felt bound to decline. The Premier reiterated the Government's intention to co-

FIRMS AS AUDITORS.

DEFINING A CHINA COMPANY.

Today's "Government Gazette" contains the draft of a bill which will not be passed until after the coming into operation of the proposed consolidating China Order in Council.

Among other objects the bill gives the Registrar power to include the names of firms in the list of approved auditors and so to give legislative recognition to the common practice, which exists both here and in England, of appointing firms as auditors. The Registrar's discretion over the list is not affected, and in general it is not intended that he shall add any firm to the list unless all the partners in the firm are in his opinion themselves qualified for inclusion in the list. Further, it is also intended in general that a firm shall be removed from the list if at any time it contains a partner who would not be qualified for inclusion in the list or who ought to be removed from the list.

Another paragraph restores the old definition of the term "China company," which appeared in section 2 of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, and which corresponds with the definition of that term in the China Order in Council, 1924.

The provisions of articles 8, 9, 10 and 13, of the China (Companies) Order in Council, 1915, which deal with cognate subject matter, have never been reproduced in our Ordinances. This is a distinct "trap," because any one reading Part XI of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, would imagine that section 274 contained all the requirements of the law with regard at least to the nationality and residence of the directors of a China company, whereas it contains only part of those provisions. Therefore it has been decided to repeal section 274. It may be asked why sections 270, 271 and 272 are not repealed at the same time. The answer is that there are special reasons for retaining those sections.

OBITUARY.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON.

A Reuter message from London announces the death of Sir John Anderson, formerly attorney of Guthrie & Co., Singapore. The late Sir John Anderson who was born at Rothsay in March 1862, arrived in Singapore 1889. He was educated at Raffles School, Singapore. He joined Government Service, after leaving school, and remained in it until 1871 when he commenced his mercantile career. Sir John, who was knighted in 1912, was Member of the Legislative Council, Straits Settlements, from 1886-1888 and from 1905-1908. He married Miss Winifred Ethel Dunbar-Pope in 1901, but there is no issue.

operate with Britain and America respecting the solution of China's financial problems, which must depend on reunification of the country.

Later. This morning's Press reports that the Premier's statement relating to the offer from America that the fleet should visit Japan after the manoeuvres, also Japan's refusal of the offer were officially declared to have no foundation.

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TRIBESMEN REPORTED QUIET AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 19. "Le Matin" reports the Havas Agency, states that the reports received by the Government from Marshal Lyautey by no means indicate that the events which have taken place recently in Spanish Morocco might have consequences in the French area. The tribesmen are quiet and the influence that Abdel Karim might have on them must not be over-estimated. Abdel Karim seems rather busier about organising his conquests than making further foes. Marshal Lyautey, while taking necessary precautionary measures, is not anxious.



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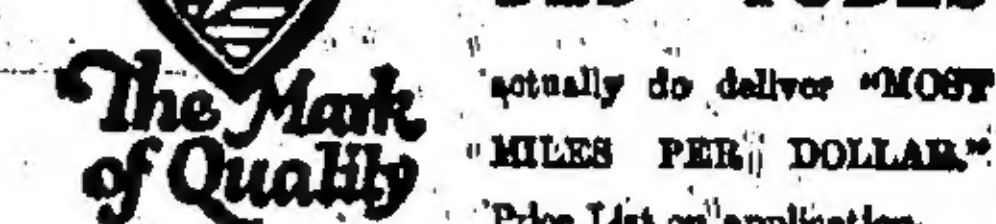
1. Leoncavallo..... Prologue de l'Opera "Pagliacci."
2. Sarasate..... Zigeunerweisen, Op. 20. Violin Solo: Mr. Felix Altura.
3. Thomas..... Aria de Hamlet de l'Opera "Hamlet."
4. Verdi..... Credo di Jago de l'Opera "Otello."
5. Puccini..... Barcarolle de l'Opera "Giocunda."
6. Tchaikowski..... Meditation. Piano Solo: Mr. Harry Ore.
7. Massenet..... Elegie. Violin Obligato.
8. Meyerbeer..... Ballade de Nelson de l'Opera "Africain."
9. Wagner..... Aria de Wolfraum de l'Opera "Tannhauser."
10. Mozart..... Serenade de l'Opera "Don Juan."
11. Rossini..... Aria de Tell de l'Opera "Guglielmo Tell."

INTERVAL—Ten Minutes.

PART II.

1. Caprice Viennois..... Kreisler. Violin Solo: Mr. Felix Altura.
2. Rubinstein..... Aria de Demos de l'Opera "Demos."
3. Donizetti..... Aria de l'Opera "Lucia di Burgio."
4. Bizet..... Aria de Escamillo de l'Opera "Carmen."
5. Schubert..... (a) Der Aufenthalt. (b) Der Wanderer.
6. Schumann..... Ich Grolle nicht. Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 8.
7. Liszt..... Piano Solo: Mr. Harry Ore.
8. Mendelssohn..... Winterlied.
9. Glorand..... Caro mio ben. Note, Romance.
10. Tchaikowski..... Nocturne.
11. Tosti..... Baritone Solo: Mr. G. Ronconi. Violin Solo: Mr. Felix Altura. Piano Solo: Mr. Harry Ore. Accompanied by Mr. Claudio Altura.

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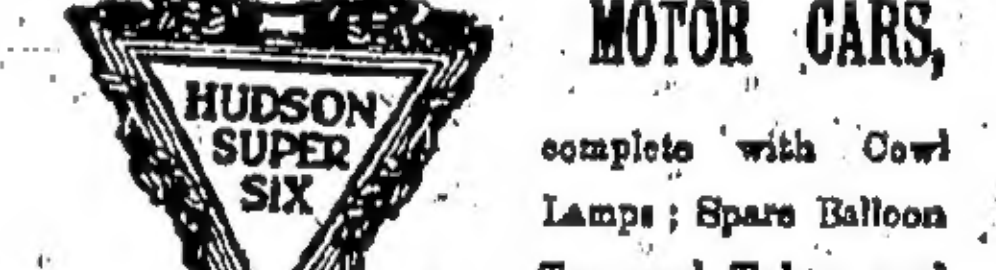
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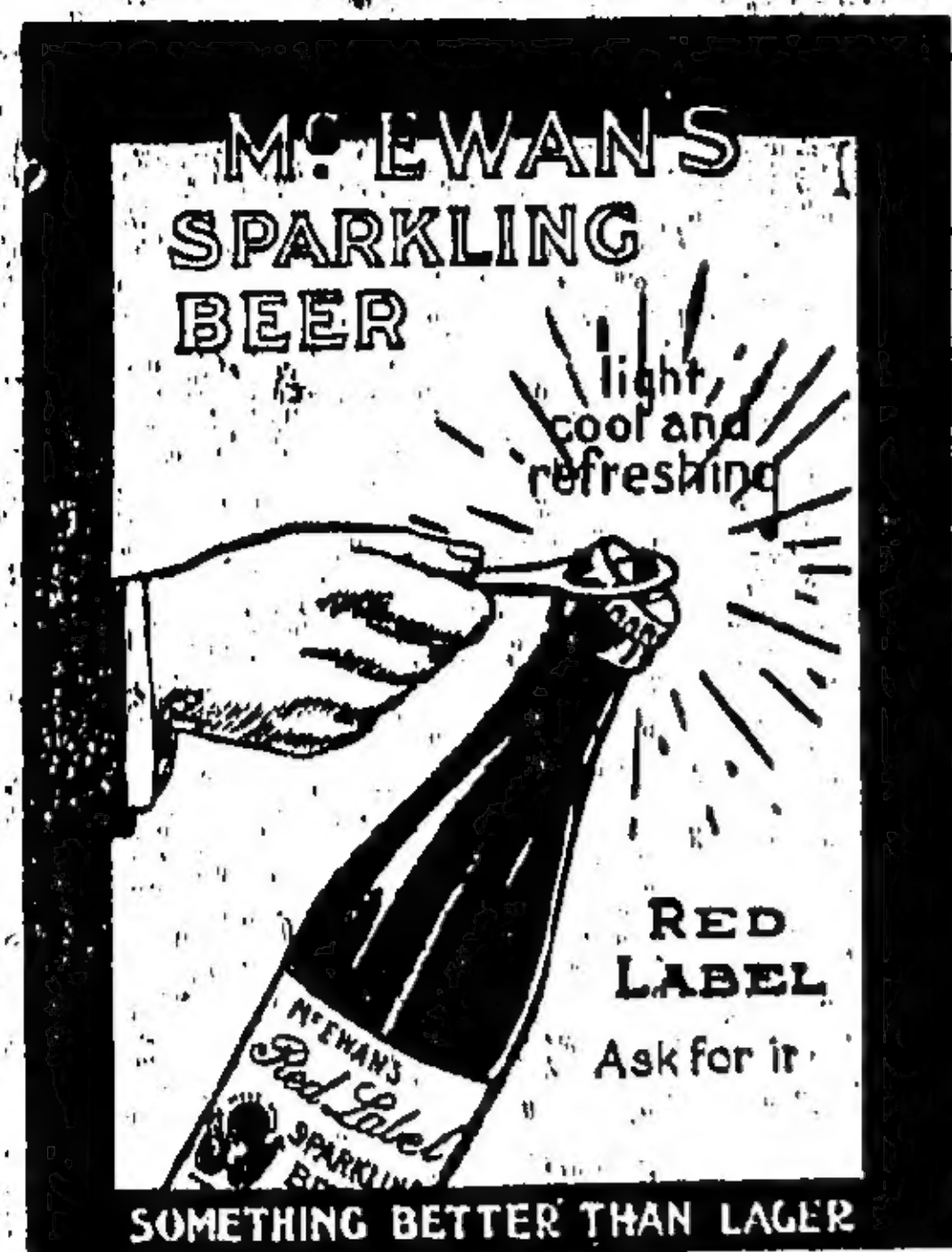
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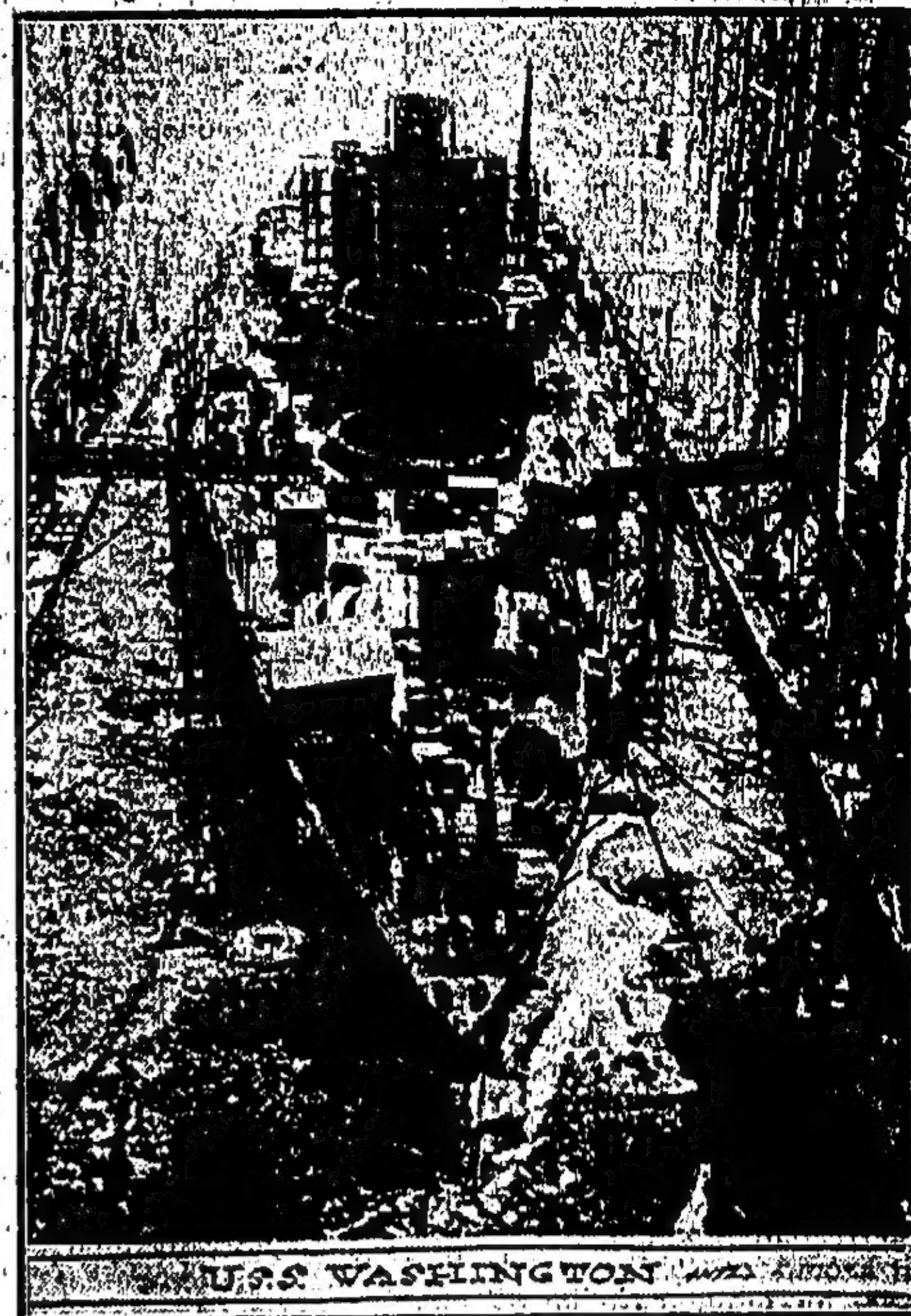
Unhappy Marriage.



PRINCESS DONCOMPAGNI

Princess Margaret Doncompagni, heiress to many millions, has secured
a divorce from her husband, a member
of an ancient Italian family. She
also received a Papal decree.

WILBUR WINS SUIT TO SCRAP WARSHIP.

The District Supreme Court of Washington has dismissed the
suit brought by Mr. William B. Skarner, who sought an injunction
to prevent the Secretary of the United States Navy, Mr. Wilbur,
from permitting warships to destroy the unfinished hull of the
battleship "Washington." The "Washington" is shown at the Navy
Yard in Washington, from which it was later towed to sea to act
as a target for the battle fleet.

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Miss Margaret "Peggy" Thayer, daughter of a vice-president of
the Pennsylvania Railroad, and socially prominent in Philadelphia,
has sailed for Mombasa, British East Africa, to hunt lions, tigers
and other big game through the forests. Her trophies are to be
presented to the Academy of Natural Science.

CAPT. R. BRUNSCHWIG

Captain Roger Brunschwig, presi-
dent of the French War Veterans'
Society, known as the "Wounded in
the Face," was a recent visitor to
London.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.

About BENITO MUSSOLINI & SPERDA TERRY
Also WILLIAM M. BUTLER & GENERAL PEPPINO GARIBOLDIGeneral Peppino Garibaldi, grandson of the Liberator of Italy,
is reported in France organizing an armed revolt against the fur-
ther rule of the Italian Fascist Premier, Benito Mussolini. William
M. Butler, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, is
expected to be President Coolidge's mouthpiece in the Senate, to
which he has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late
Henry Cabot Lodge. A courtship bill of \$400 was collected from
Shella Terry, actress, when she jilted Bennie Rubin, who got back
all he had spent in entertaining her, it was developed in her divorce
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BUDDEN.—Captain W. H. Budden, late s.s. "Nairung" at French Convent Hospital. Funeral passes Monument to-day at 5.10 p.m.

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Eugene O'Brien in "The Last Door" a Select Picture and "June Madness," Viola Dana's new Metro starring vehicle opened a three days' showing at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. It is a delightful, amusing, rapid-action comedy of a runaway bride who makes a dash for liberty at the altar, throwing an entire churchful of wedding guests into confusion, particularly because the bridegroom is supposed to be the catch of the season.

Despite the bridegroom's million dollars or so and Mamma's eagerness, little Clytie—as she is called in the photoplay—goes to the altar under protest. She watches her opportunity. Noting that the officiating minister is about to utter the fatal words, she darts off like a flash, incidentally getting a black eye as the result of a fall.

The whole shouting, crying assemblage is after her, mamas, daughters, ushers and all. Outside the church there passes in a roadster an orchestra leader known as the Jazz King. Clytie would have jumped into his car if he had been a fair merchant. However, it happens that he is a Jazz King and a handsome one, and quite willing to help Clytie elude her determined pursuers.

Mamma is still determined upon the son-in-law, and when Clytie returns home after the escapade, she is imprisoned in her room and told she will be confined there until she agrees to marry the millionaire. Clytie wouldn't do this for a million dollars. She would not be Clytie, either, if she allowed herself to remain thus imprisoned. Once more Mamma and her host of retainers are obliged to chase the spirited daughter all over the world.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

K.C.C. "A" v. I.R.C. "A".

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. at Kowloon at 2 p.m., to-day against the I.R.C.—B. Petheram, (Capt.) O. B. Raven, W. F. J. Gorvin, L. A. R. Duncan, R. J. P. Masters, C. Barnshaw, A. J. Kew, E. J. Edwards, A. R. F. Raven, E. G. Renton, E. J. Jordan.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in the Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 20.—Coronet Theatre: "All Chaplin Comedy Programme." December 20.—Star Theatre: "The Idol of the North." December 20.—World Theatre: "The Greatest Boxing Show." December 20.—Queen's Theatre: "June Madness" and "The Last Door." December 20.—Theatre Royal: "The Yeomen of the Guard," 9 p.m.

December 25.—Theatre Royal: Second Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

December 23.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.

PUBLIC AUCTION. December 22.—Lammert Bros., at Old P. & O. Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Office furniture, 11 a.m.

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Shanghai	Yingchow
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers London 20th Nov.)	Troilus
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pan Monroe
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tikiel
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Van Oloon
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25.		
Straits	Haruna Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.	PM	TIME
AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island about 20th Dec. Parcels Room Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Taiwan	9 a.m.
Manila	Proe Grant	9.30 p.m.
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Holow	Kiangsu	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hand	5 p.m.
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Shanghai	Shamal	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
Straits	Takima	9 a.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yuet Wah	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Wuchow	Foot On	10 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.			
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kaying	9.30 a.m.
*Manila *Straits, *Ceylon and Parcela for	Troilus	10.30 a.m.
Germany via Hamburg	Adols von Beyer	12.30 p.m.
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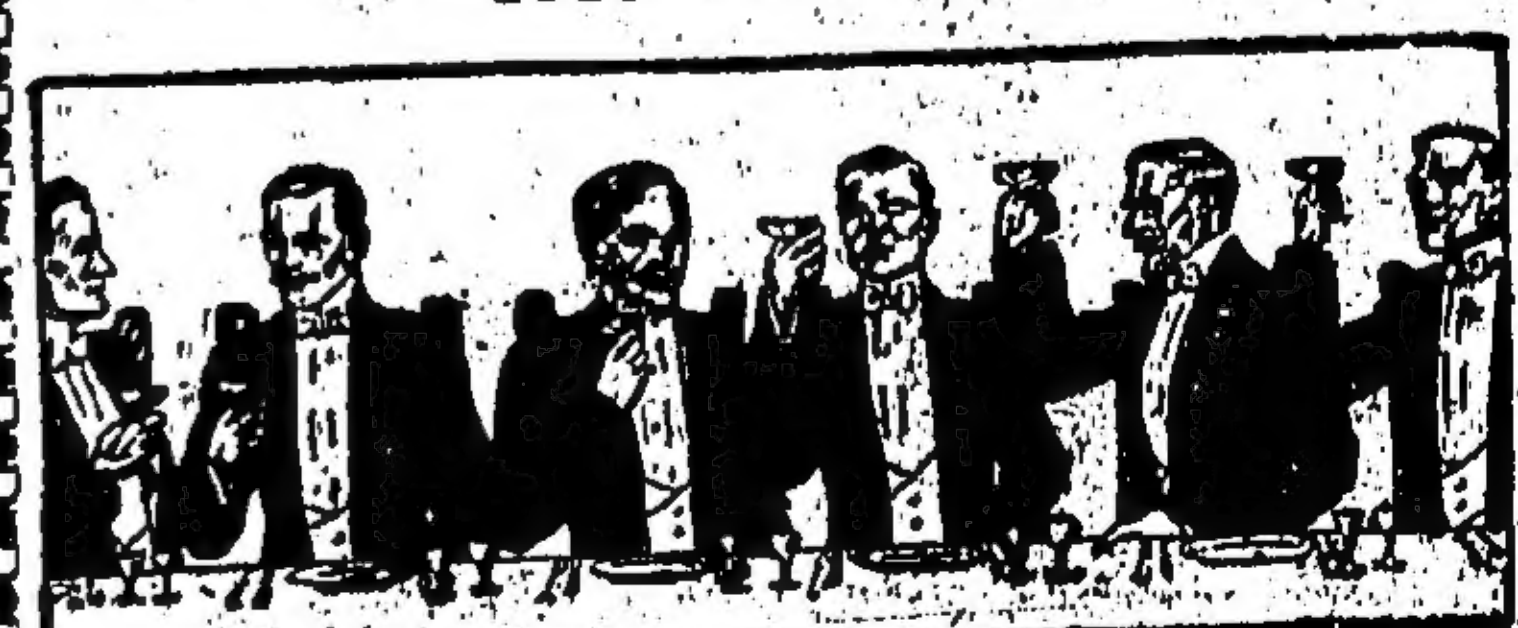
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